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±	white stands slightly better
∓	black stands slightly better
±	white has the upper hand
∓	black has the upper hand
+−	white has a decisive advantage
−+	black has a decisive advantage
=	even
∞	unclear
∞	with compensation for the material
○	development advantage
○	greater board room
→	with attack
↑	with initiative
↔	with counterplay
⊙	zugzwang
#	mate
!	a very good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a mistake
??	a blunder
!?	a move deserving attention
?!	a dubious move
Δ	with the idea
□	only move
⌒	better is
⊞	centre
»	king's side
«	queen's side
×	weak point
⊥	endgame
♠♣	bishops of opposite color

♚♜	bishops of the same color
♟♜	double pawns
♟	passed pawn
>	advantage in number of pawns
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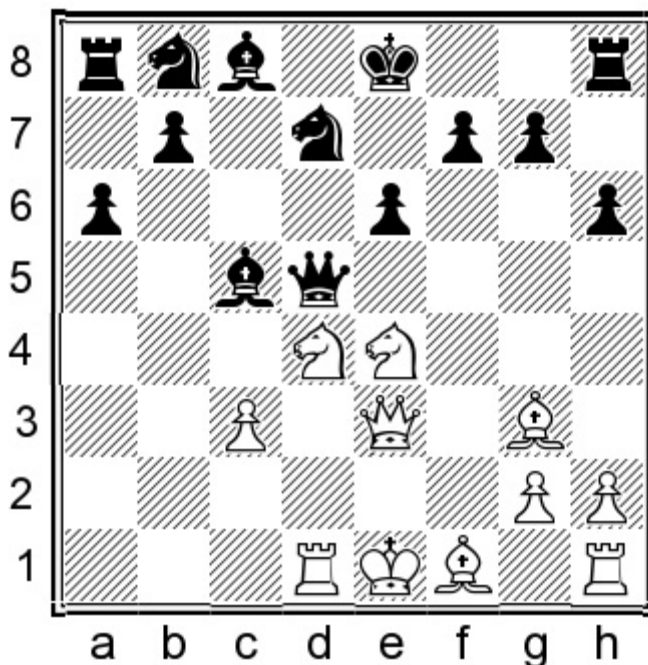
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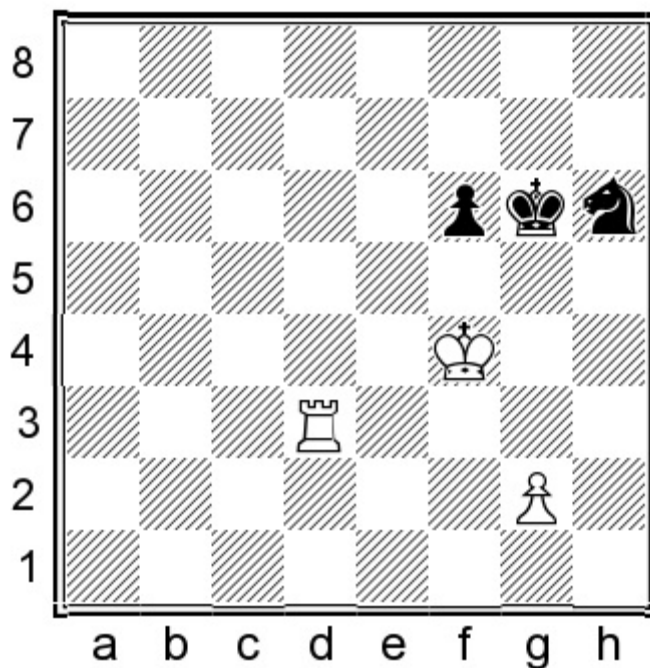
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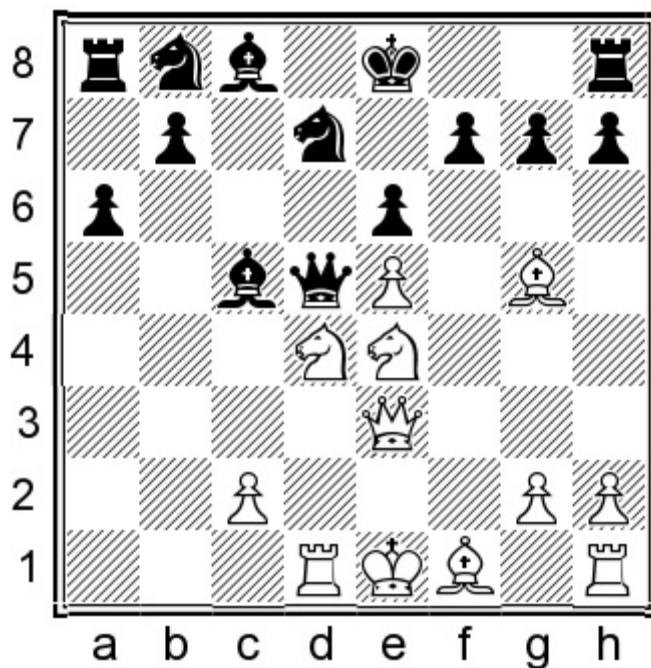
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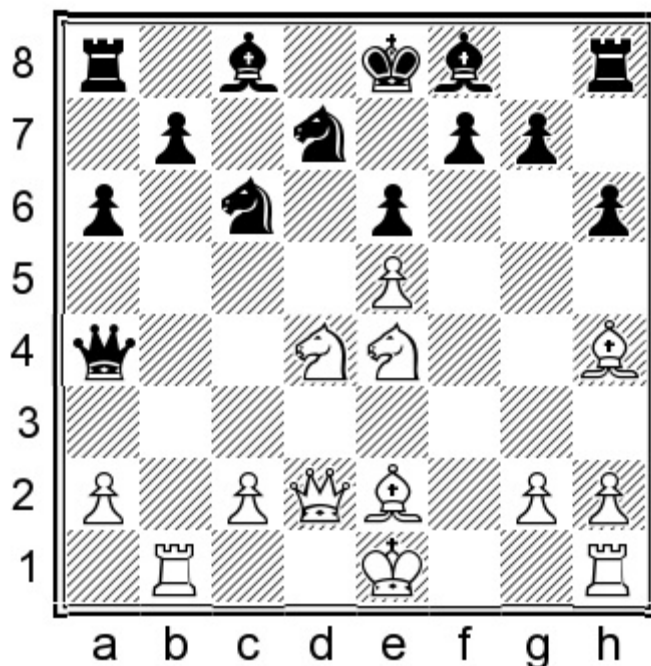
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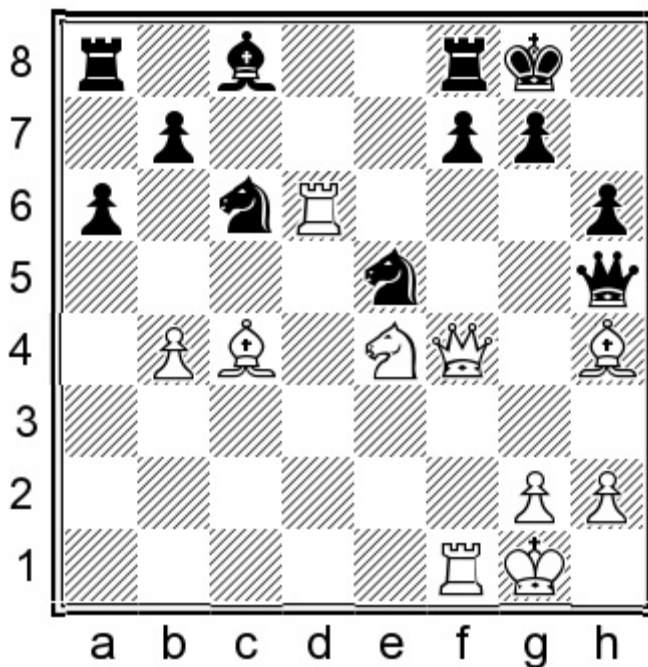
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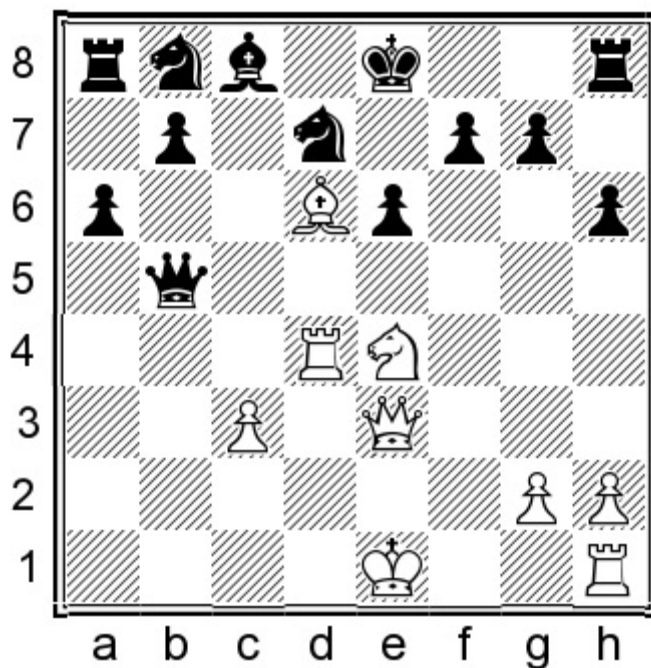
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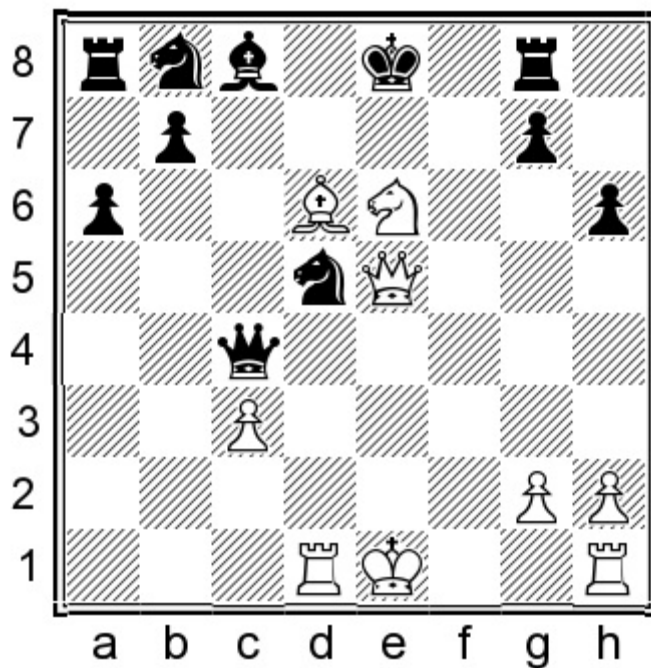
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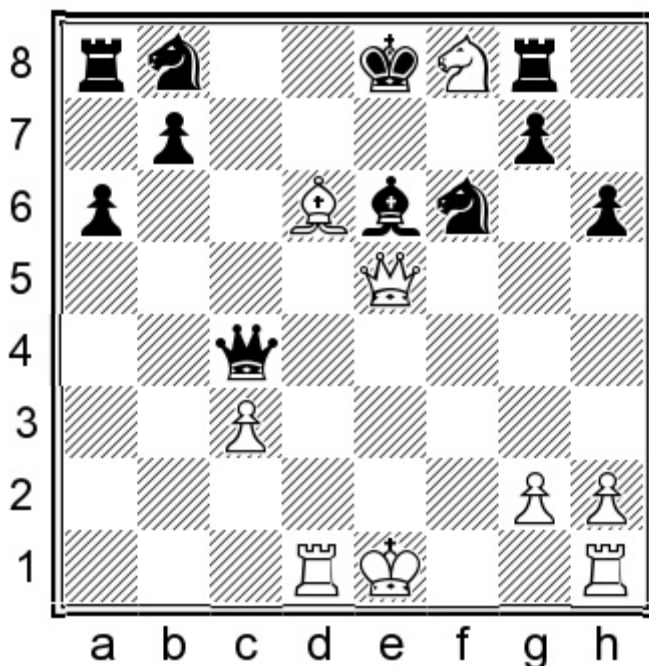
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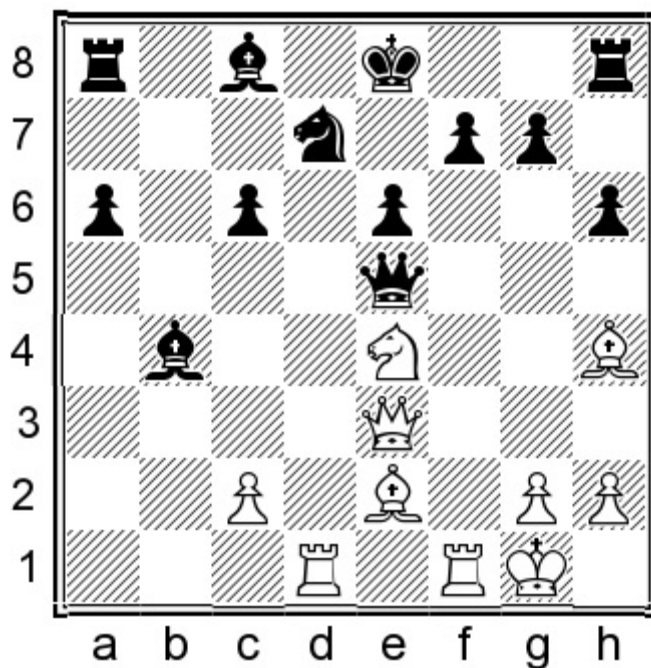


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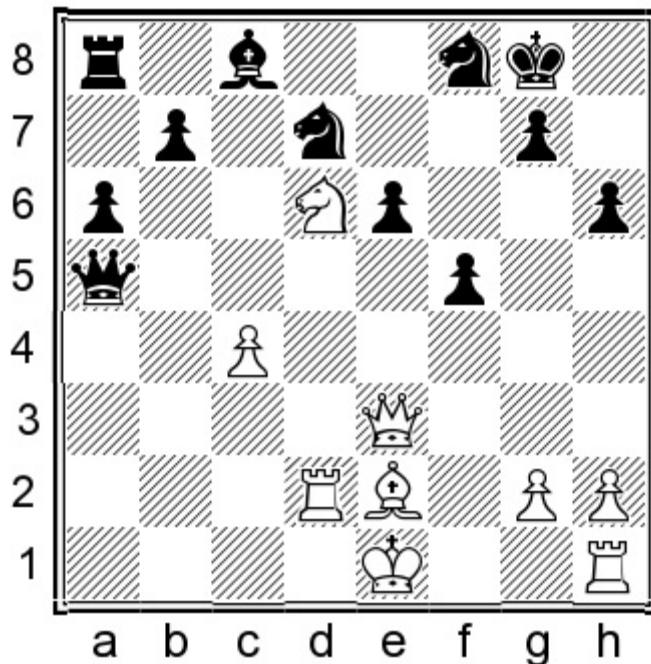
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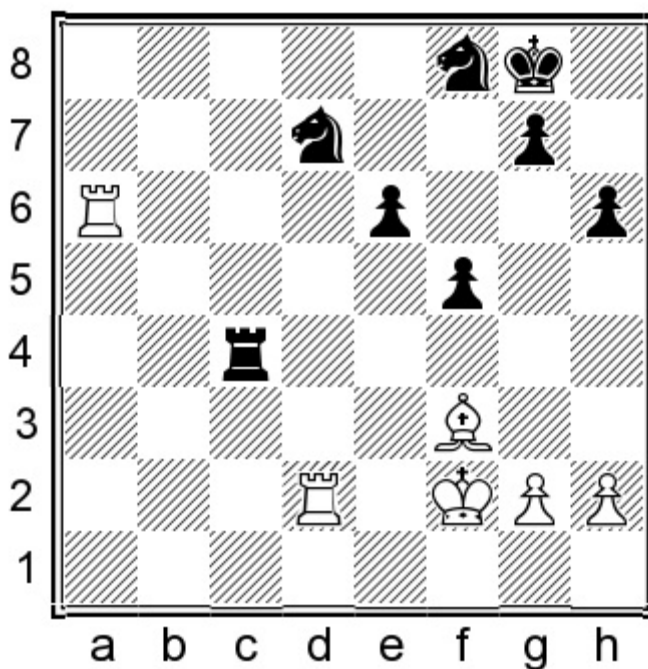
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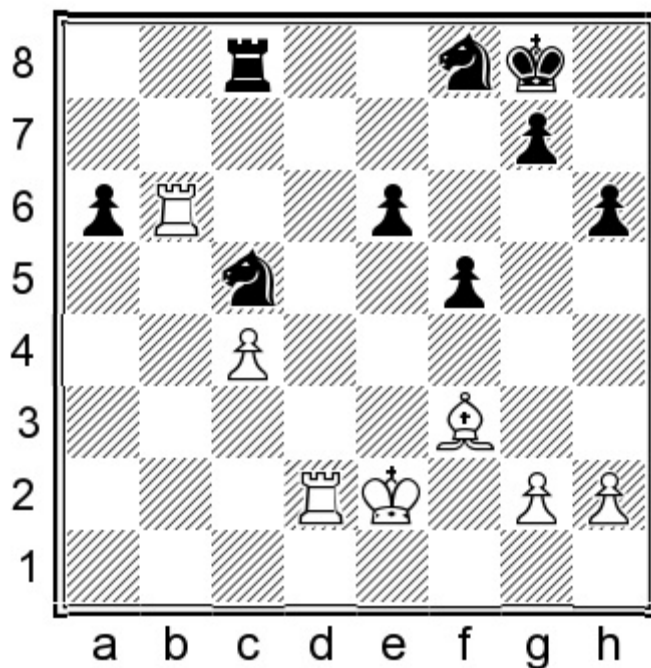
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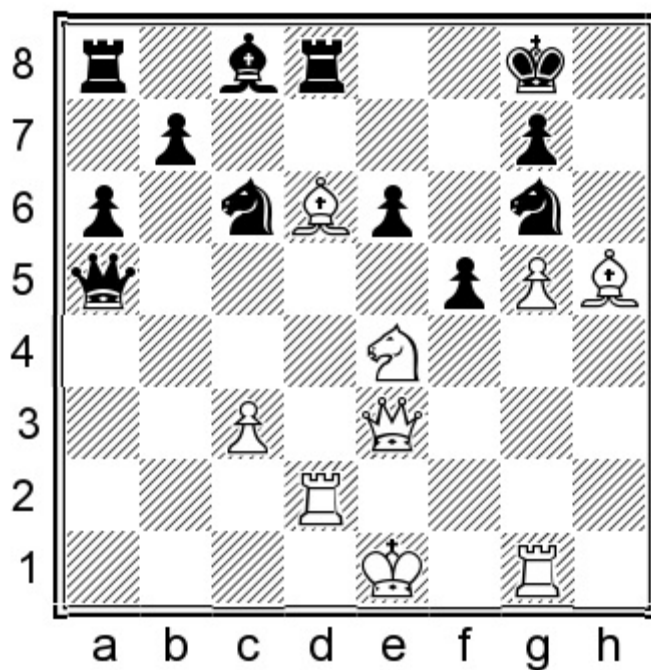
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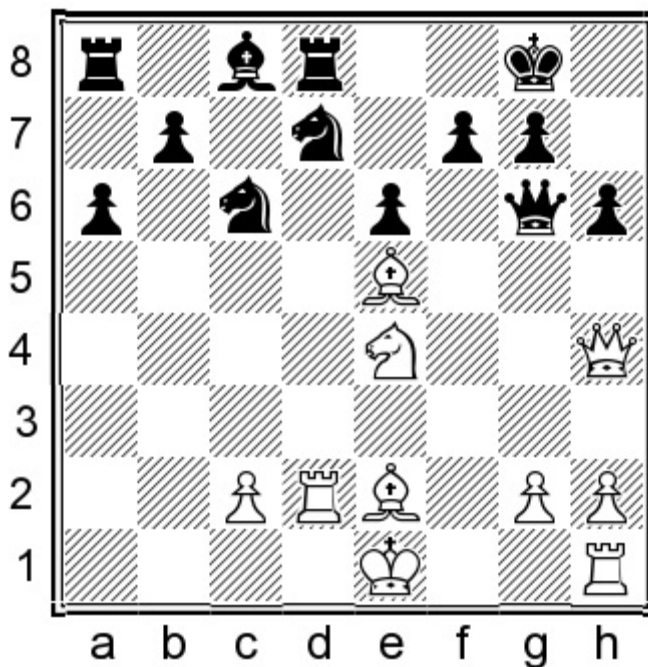
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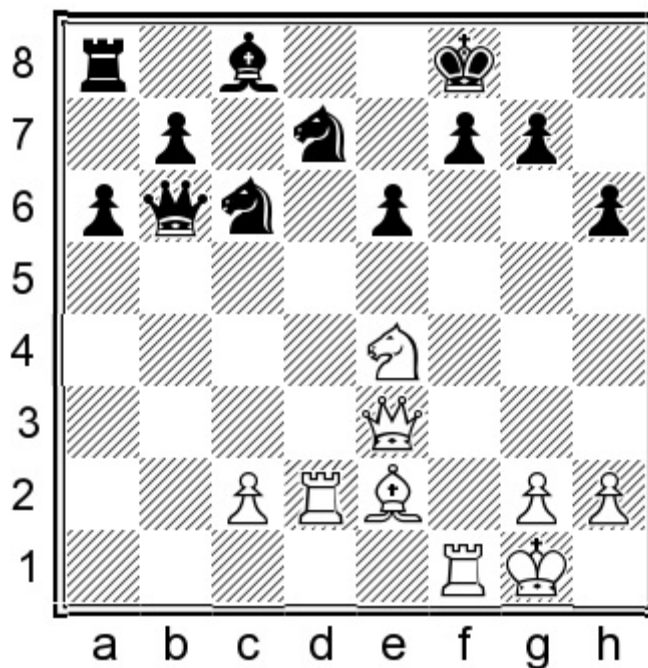
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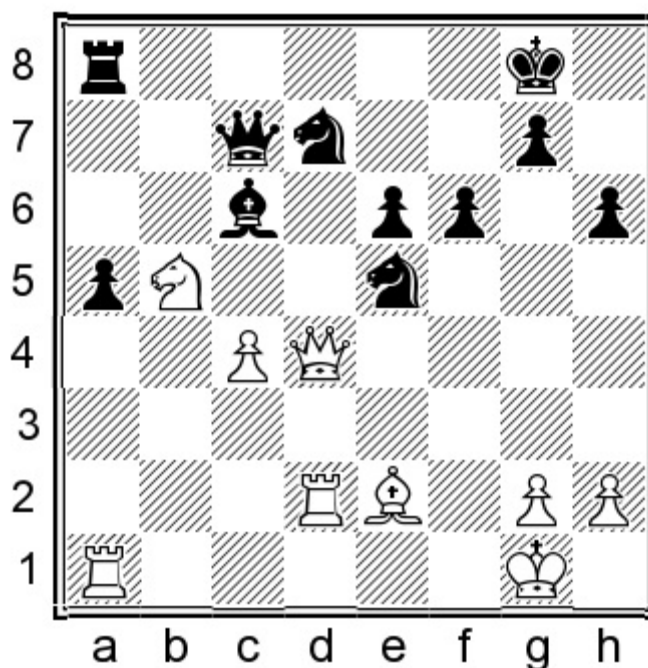
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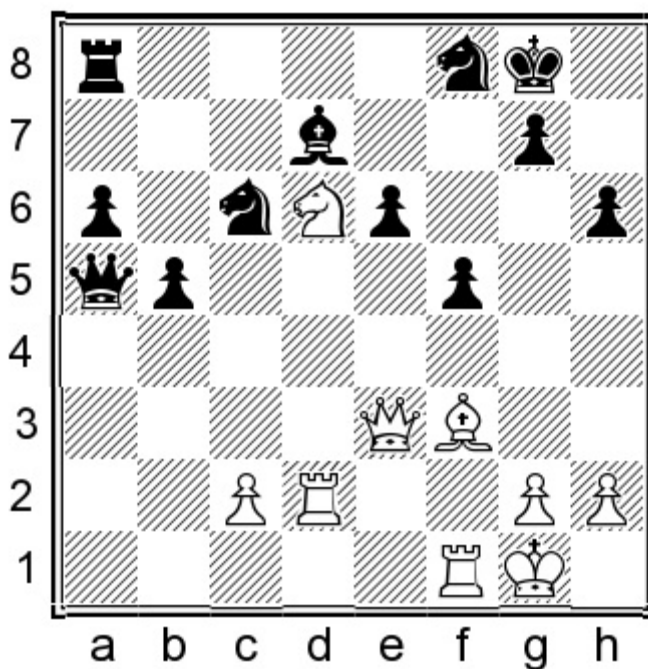
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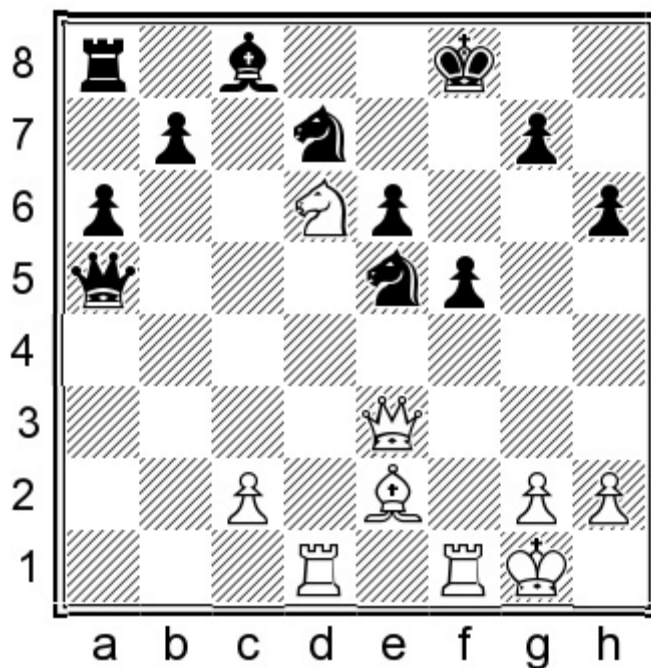
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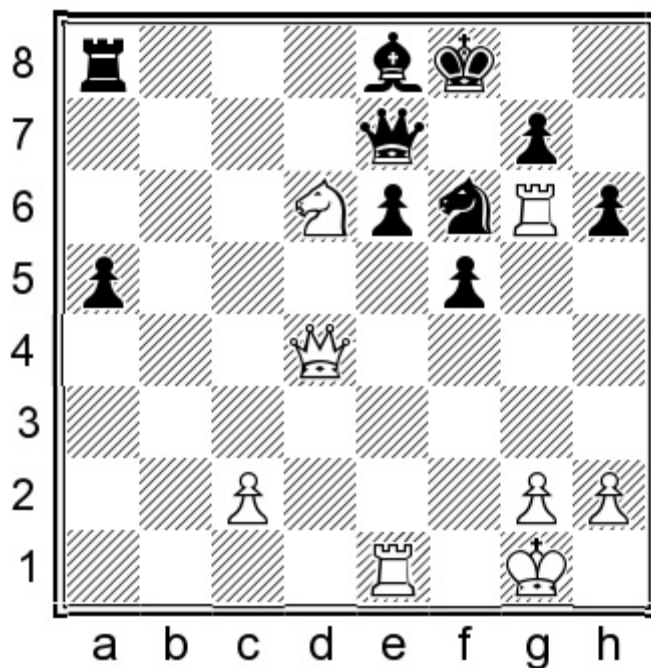
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FIDE WORLD CUP 2021

RETURN OF THE OTB CHESS

The Chess World Cup 2021 was the 9th edition of the World Cup that took place in Sochi, Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, beginning 12 July and ending 6 August 2021 with the participation of 206 players.

It marked the return of over-the-board chess on a global scale after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of many sporting events. Elite players from all over the world competed for the \$1, 892,500 prize fund and two spots in the 2022 Candidates Tournament.

The top seeds were: Magnus Carlsen (World Champion), Fabiano Caruana (World Championship finalist), Sergey Karjakin (World Championship finalist), Levon Aronian (two times Winner of the World Cup), Anish Giri, Alexander Grischuk, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Alireza Firouzja.

However, the winner of the tournament was the Polish GM Jan-Krzysztof Duda, who won without losing any games either in classical chess or in the rapid tiebreakers. Duda, and the tournament runner-up Sergey Karjakin thus qualified for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2022.

In this volume of Informant we bring you a detail coverage of this prominent event with the contributions by Jan-Krzysztof Duda, Velimir Ivic, Miodrag Perunovic, Rafael Leitao and Milos Perunovic.

Jan-Krzysztof Duda	
• Country: Poland	
• Born: 1998	
• Rating: 2756	
• Peak rating: 2758	
• Title: Grandmaster since 2013	



FIDE World Cup, Opening ceremony; Photo by Eric Rosen

Jan-Krzysztof Duda wins the FIDE World Cup and qualifies for the Candidates

The Polish chess superstar finished the tournament undefeated and knocked out none other than World Champion Magnus Carlsen in the semifinals. Eventually, Carlsen beat Vladimir Fedoseev in the match to claim the third place.

Jan-Krzysztof earned his title the hard way, knocking out top class opposition: Alexander Grischuk, Vidit Gujrathi, Magnus Carlsen and Sergey Karjakin in the final four rounds of the marathon event. Right after the final game against Karjakin Duda called this the tournament of his life "at least in classical chess", being both excited and exhausted, but also extremely gracious and modest.

World Champion Carlsen provided perhaps the best description of Duda's magnificent performance in Krasnaya Polyana: "Huge congratulations to Duda for winning the World Cup. Considering the line of opponents he beat in the last four rounds, never losing a game - then obviously never being in a must-win or desperate situation - is a massive achievement. So, he is a richly deserved winner."

Jan-Krzysztof won a generous \$110.000 first prize and 18.2 rating points, but also gained a spot in the next edition of the Candidates Tournament. He now stands as a worthy contender to become the next challenger to the world crown. When asked about his ambitions and chances to win the Candidates, always confident Duda responded: "Yeah, why not? If I have such a good form like here, I'm probably unstoppable in such case."

Indeed, why not?!

Dear readers, here we present you two of the most interesting games analysed by the Tournament Champion himself, with exclusive annotations for this edition of Informant.



Closing ceremony, Lukasz Turlej and Jan-Krzysztof Duda; Photo by David Llada

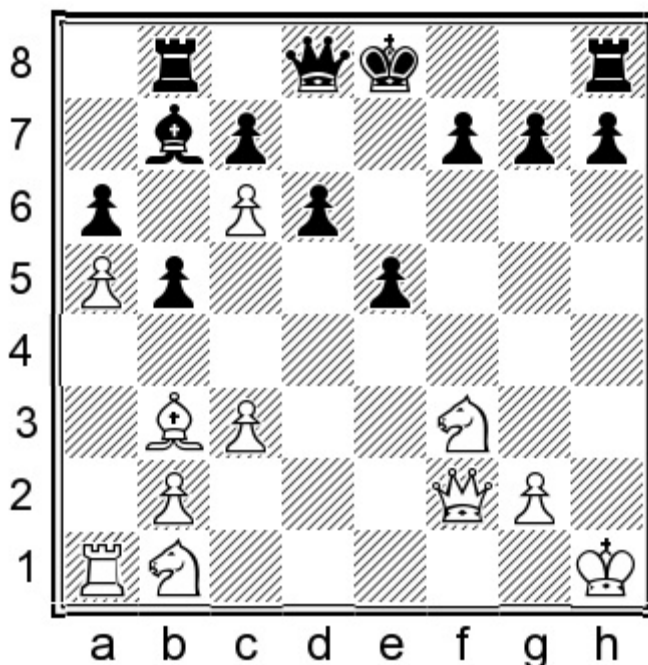
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Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2738) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2726)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2), 2021

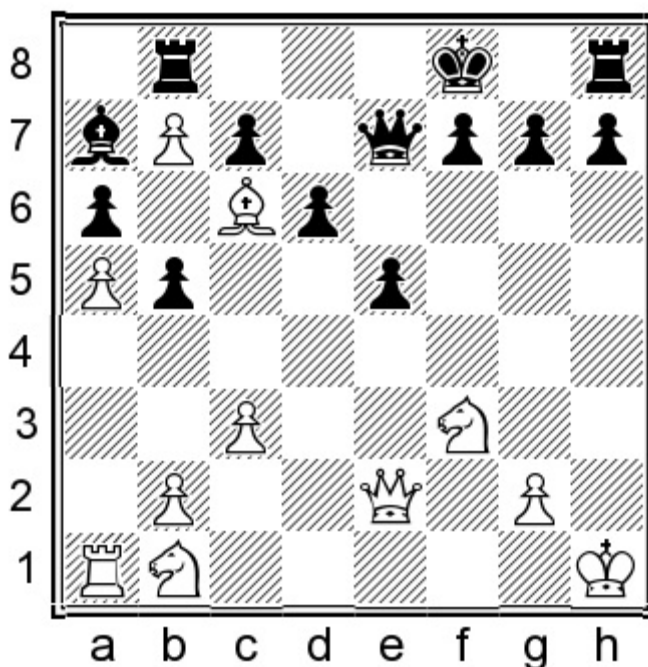
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Vidit had played the Neo-Archangelsk in the previous match, and in the most trendy 10.a5 variation he played this interesting sideline. It wasn't a big surprise for me though, as his friend Anish Giri had played it in Zagreb GCT before, the tournament I had participated in as well. I decided to play in the most forcing way, and test my opponent's memory, even if objectively the very line is probably close to the so-called "forced draw".

12.♙e3 ♜xe4 13.d5 ♙xe3 14.dxc6 ♜xf2 15.♚e2 ♜xh3+ 16.♔h1 ♜f2+ 17.♝xf2 ♙xf2 18.♚xf2!?



Move in the text line is a small surprise, as 18.cxb7 is the main line, and was played in the aforementioned Anish's game. I must confess that I didn't find any real improvement over Russian's play. 18...♙a7 19.♙d5 ♚d7 20.♜d4 ♚e7 21.♙c6+ ♔f8 22.♜f3



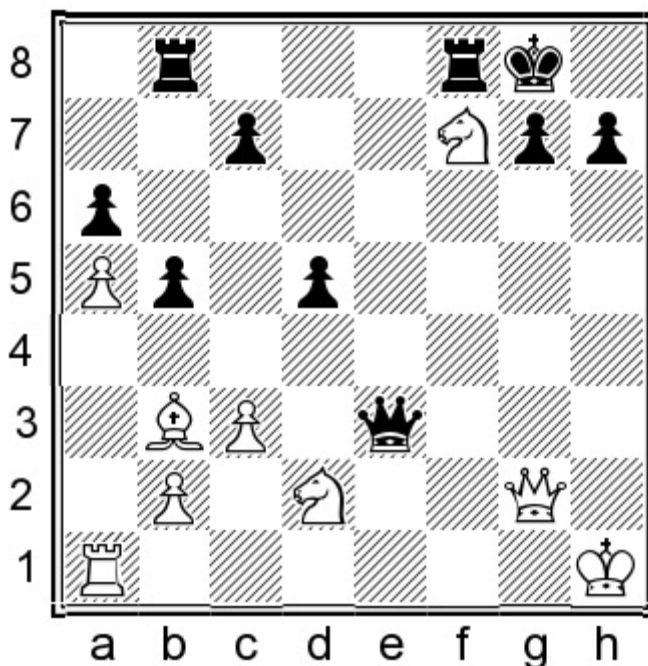
22...d5! Very strong, and holding! 23.♚xe5 ♚xe5 24.♜xe5 ♔e7 25.♙xb5 axb5 26.a6 ♔d6 27.♜xf7+ ♔c6 - and Alexander choose to repeat here: 28.♜e5+ ♔d6 29.♜f7+ ♔c6 30.♜e5+ ♔d6 31.♜f7+ 1/2 : 1/2 Grischuk,Alexander 2778 - Giri,Anish 2776, Zagreb (rapid) 2021

18...♙xc6!N - and of course he knew about this radical solution.

18...♙c8? 19.♘xe5 O-O 20.♘d3± was clearly better for White in Adhiban,Baskaran 2587 - Ashwin,Jayaram 2461, India 2013

19.♘xe5 ♜xg2+ 20.♔g1 ♚f6

I expected my opponent to know the following line: 20...O-O 21.♘xf7 ♚e7 22.♘d2 d5 23.♚xg2 ♚e3+ 24.♔h1



24...♔xf7! 25.♙xd5+ ♔e7 26.♘f3 ♚h6+ when I actually intended to make a draw after 27.Kg1, alternatively 27.♘h2 ♚f4□ is a total mess, but I think in general it's a perspective position for Black.

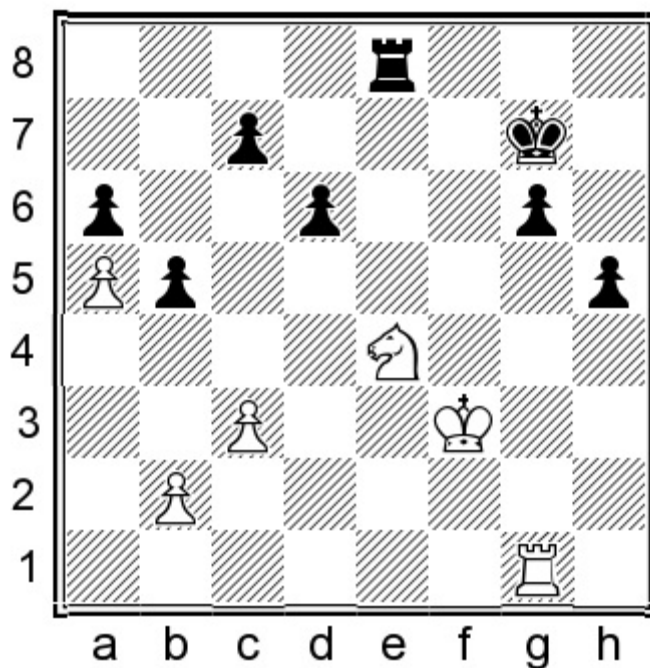
21.♘xf7 ♚xf2+ 22.♔xf2 ♚f8 23.♔xg2 ♚xf7 24.♙xf7+ ♔xf7 25.♘d2 - and so after a forced variation we have the ensuing endgame. Objectively it's level, but in practical terms I think only White can pull it off.

25...♚e8

25...b4 might be an improvement for Black, to damage White's queenside.

26.♚f1+ ♔g6 27.♔f2 The combination of my last two moves looks a bit weird, but at least now Black can't play g5 anymore. From now on, both sides could deviate in several moments, but what we did certainly made sense.

27...h5 28.♚g1+ ♔f6 29.♔f3 g6 30.♘e4+ ♔g7



31. ♖f2! Directing to the green b4-square.

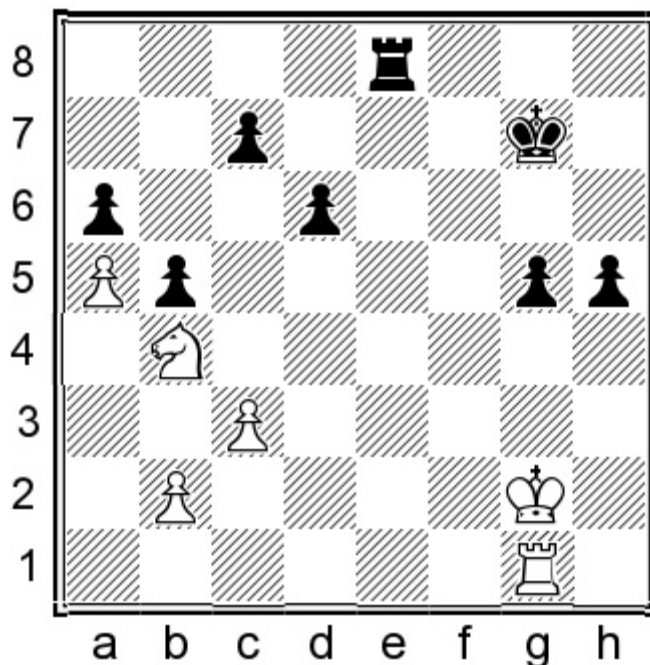
31... ♜f8+ 32. ♔g2 ♜e8

32... ♜f5!? 33. ♖d3 c5=

33. ♖d3 g5

Now 33...c5 is no longer good, as after 34. ♖f4 Black can hardly defend his weaknesses.

34. ♖b4



34... ♜e2+? A very natural and tempting check, but at the same time the losing mistake!

He should have opted instead for 34...c5! 35.♟xa6 ♖a8 36.♟c7 ♖xa5 when White can win an additional pawn in different ways, but the reduction of material plus activity of Black's rook are sufficient for equality e.g. 37.♟e8+ ♜g6 38.♟xd6 ♖a2 39.♖b1 b4 40.c4 b3!=

35.♜h1! Now White is winning in a forcing way, and I managed to calculate it almost to the end.

35...♖xb2 36.♖a1 c5

36...g4 was another attempt, where I had seen a following line: 37.♟xa6 h4 38.♟xc7 g3 39.a6 h3 40.a7 ♖h2+ 41.♜g1 ♖g2+ 42.♜f1 ♖f2+ 43.♜e1 is winning, as after 43...h2 there is 44.a8Q protecting h1-square, and after 43...♖f8 there is 44.♟e6++-;

36...♖b3 37.♟xa6 ♖xc3 38.♟b4+- and there is no stopping the a-pawn.

37.♟xa6 b4 38.♟xb4 cxb4 39.a6 bxc3 40.a7 c2 41.a8=♚ ♖b1+ 42.♜g2 c1=♚ Tragicomedy Black has three extra pawns at the moment, but an extremely poor placement of his pieces means he is getting checkmated by force.

43.♖a7+ ♜f6 44.♚f8+ ♜e5 45.♖e7+ ♜d5

45...♜d4 46.♚f2+ ♜d3 47.♚f3+ ♜d4 48.♚e4+-

46.♚f3+ ♜c5 47.♖c7+ ♜b4 48.♚b7+ ♜a5 49.♚a7+ ♜b5 50.♚b8+ 1-0



Jan-Krzysztof Duda vs Santosh Gujrathi Vidit, FIDE World Cup; Photo by Eric Rosen

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Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2738)

1.e4

I must confess that my score against Magnus with Black wasn't overly impressive, and I was obviously content with a draw.

1...c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♙b5+ Magnus could play any opening on the top level quality, but somehow I had guessed it correctly. It's of no relevance, that Magnus had played it before in the World Cup!

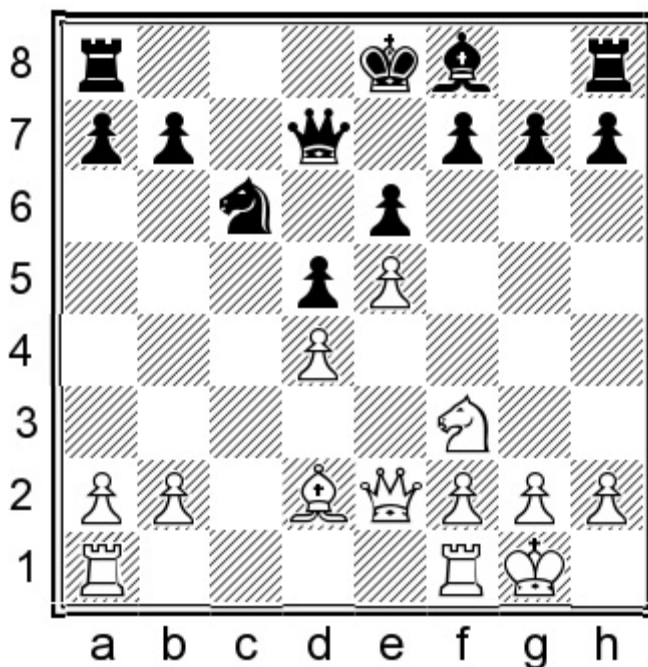
3...♙d7 4.♙xd7+ ♔xd7 5.O-O ♘f6 6.♚e2 ♘c6 7.c3

7.♗d1 is another option, played by Gallagher against me at Tromsø Olympiad 2014; RR Gallagher,Joseph 2473 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2576, Tromsø (ol) 2014. Among other things, Black can consider playing 7...g5!? here.

7...e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 ♘e4 11.♘bd2

11.♙e3 is the most common move played by White to get an "impossible-to-lose" game. 11...♙e7 12.♘e1 f6 13.f3 ♘g5 14.♘d3 ♘f7 15.f4 O-O= with a static and dull position so to speak, as in Zawadzka, Jolanta 2391 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2539, Lublin 2013

11...♘xd2 12.♙xd2



12...♙b4!? I didn't know any games played in the exact position, and decided to blitz out this rather unexpected move. On paper, my bishop should be preferable next to its white colleague, but on the other hand with lesser space, exchanges should normally favour Black.

13.♙f4N And Magnus decided against trading bishops, which is a novelty. Now the manoeuvring phase of the game begins, where both players will try to make progress on their better flanks.

13...O-O 14.♔d3 ♕e7 15.a3 ♖ac8 16.g3 ♜a5 17.b3 ♚c6

17...a6 would have been ideal if 18.♕d2 wasn't possible.

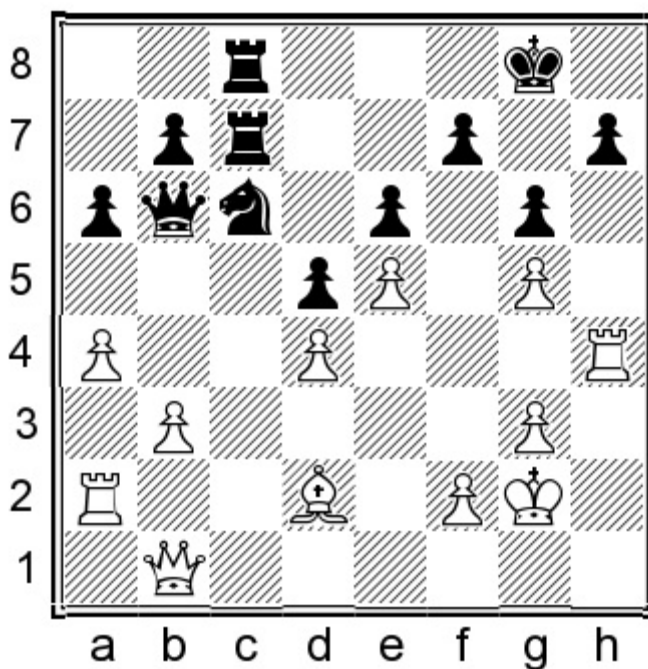
18.♕d2 ♚b6 19.♖fb1 a6 20.♔g2 ♜c6 21.♖e1 ♚b5 22.♚b1 It was very important to get rid of the d3-queen, it's much harder to attack now for White.

22...♖c7 23.h4 ♖fc8 24.♖a2

24.h5 h6 25.g4 was more direct, but Black is ok after 25...a5 starting his own counterplay.

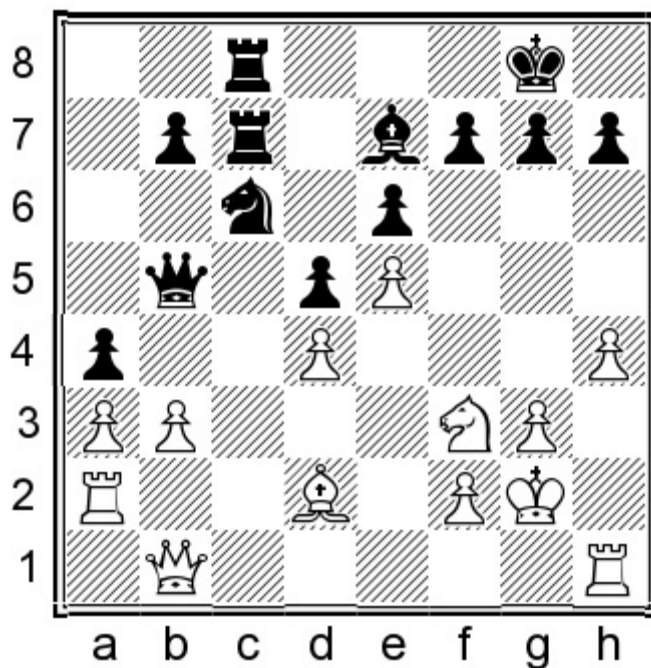
24...a5 I rushed a bit playing this move.

At least I could have considered 24...♜a5 when White would have had to find 25.♜g5 (25.♖e3? ♜c4! is the point) 25...♕xg5 26.a4! not to be worse. Now it's Black's turn to be precise though, so the game continuation was clearly superior. 26...♚b6 27.hxg5 ♜c6 28.♖h1 g6 29.♖h4



29...a5!∞ an important move, with the idea of getting counterplay by means of Qa6

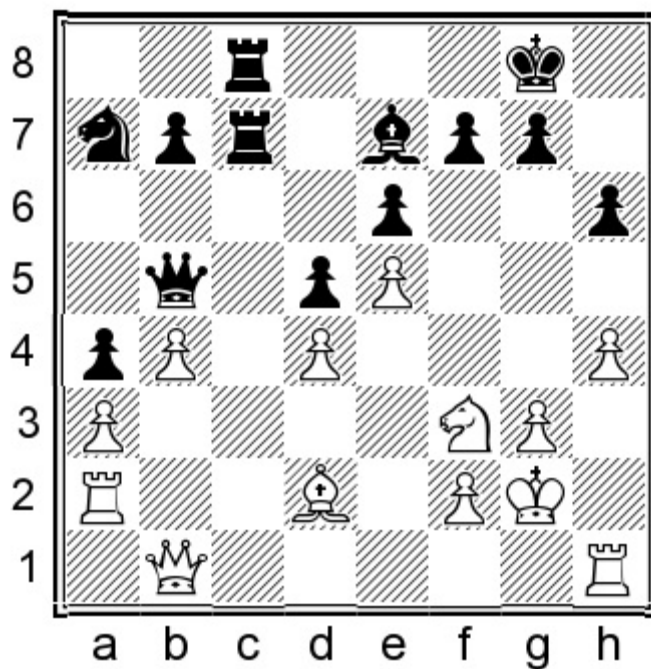
25.♖h1 a4



26.b4? Objectively a bad move, but Magnus clearly didn't care about his queenside - he just wanted to checkmate me!

26.♖b2 and 26.♘g5 are both preferable according to the machine.

26...h6 27.♙e3? ♘a7 28.♙d2 Magnus must have missed something, as he just gave 2 tempi for nothing.



28...♙e2! A nice move to play, and a strong one indeed!

Although there was nothing wrong with immediate 28...♙a6

29.♖e1

29.♙xh6? ♖c2 30.♗xc2 (30.♙d2 ♖xa2 31.♗xa2 ♖c3-+) 30...♗xc2 31.♙e3 ♘b5!-+ and apparently Black's position is completely dominating.

29...♗c4? A bad concept. I was aware of the fact that queen is not supposed to occupy file before rooks, but the pressure against the d4-pawn alongside with tempting Qb3 jumps, had me discouraged. In fact the plan is so bad, that I better retreat the queen whenever a chance in the next couple of moves.

29...♗a6! and Black is a lot lot better e.g. 30.♗e3 ♘b5 31.♗d1 ♖c4 32.♗d3 ♙d8 with Bb6, Qa7 in mind. (32...♙f8!? 33.♗b2 ♙e8 would be even more classy.)

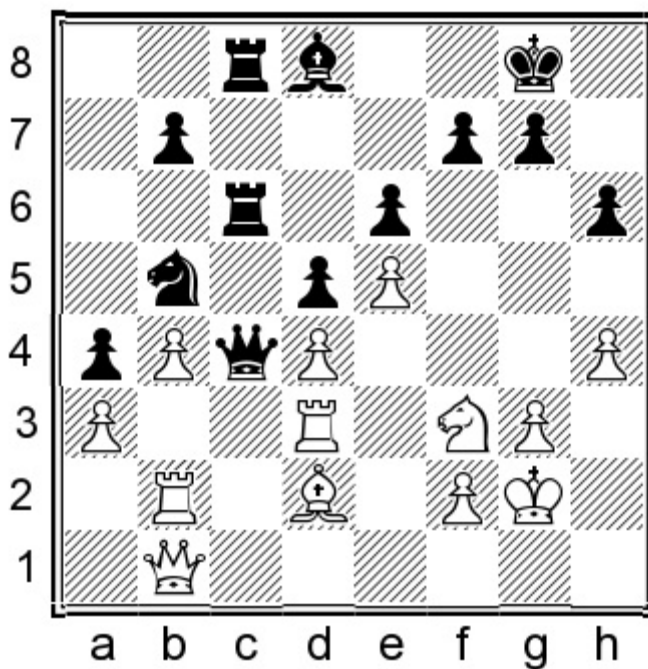
30.♗e3 ♘b5

30...♗a6!

31.♗d3 ♖c6 With a sophisticated Bd8-b6 manoeuvre in mind.

31...♗c6! was still preferable.

32.♗b2 ♙d8



33.g4?

33.♗f1! was very strong, because after 33...♙b6 he has very good 34.♗b1! and suddenly it's a draw, as Black can't escape Rc1-a1-b1 harrasing.

33...♙b6 34.♙e3 ♘c3 35.♗f1 ♗b5

35...♙e4!?

36.♖c2 ♙e4?! 37.♗xc6?

Here after some thought, Magnus didn't play 37.♖c5! which would have been a shocker for me, and a drastic change of the character of the position. Objectively Black is still better after 37...♙xc5 38.dxc5 ♖c4 39.♘d4 ♖6c7 40.♖d1 (40.f3 f6! an extremely strong response! 41.♙f4 ♖f7+) 40...♙xf1+ 41.♖xf1! is counterintuitive, but White just wants to play f3 and not face any issues upon the f-file. (41.♙xf1 f6 42.♘xe6 ♖e7 43.♘f4 ♖d8+ Black is close to winning.) 41...f6 42.f3 fxe5 43.♘b5 ♖f6 44.♘xc7 ♖xc7 45.♙f2+ ending up with extra pawn for Black, but great saving chances for White.

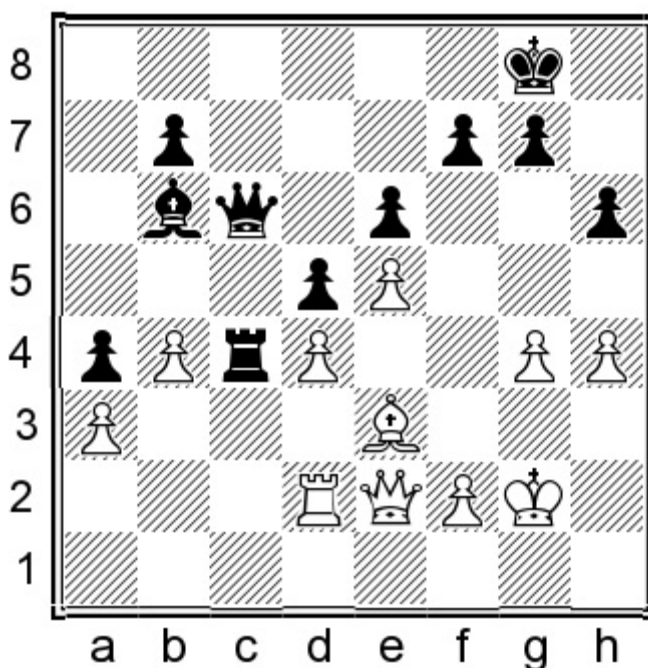
37...♖xc6 38.♖d1? White's position was critical, but trading queens is close to resignation.

38...♖c4??

38...♙xf1+ was winning on the spot: 39.♖xf1 ♖c3 40.♖c1 (40.♖a1 ♖b3 41.h5 ♙h7++ with g5 coming next, Black will lock down the kingside and win on the queenside.) 40...♖xa3 41.♖c8+ ♙h7 42.♖b8 ♖b3! I think I forgot about this simple little move 43.♖xb7 ♖xb4++;

38...♘c3 embarrassingly is winning as well.

39.♘d2 ♘xd2 40.♖xd2 ♖c6 41.♙e2



41...♖c3? This move doesn't oppose the g5-push.

41...♖c1 was significantly stronger, because after 42.g5? hxg5 43.hxg5 ♖c4++ the queens are being traded.

42.♖a2?? An inexplicable error, because the move is very sad.

The natural 42.g5 isn't only more practical, but basically equalising: 42...hxg5 43.hxg5 ♖c4 (43...♖xa3 44.♖d1 and Rh1 is on the agenda with a hard to stop offensive.) 44.♙g4 ♖c1 45.♖d1 ♖xd1 46.♙xd1= and the endgame is OK for White.

42...♙d8!? A sophisticated move.

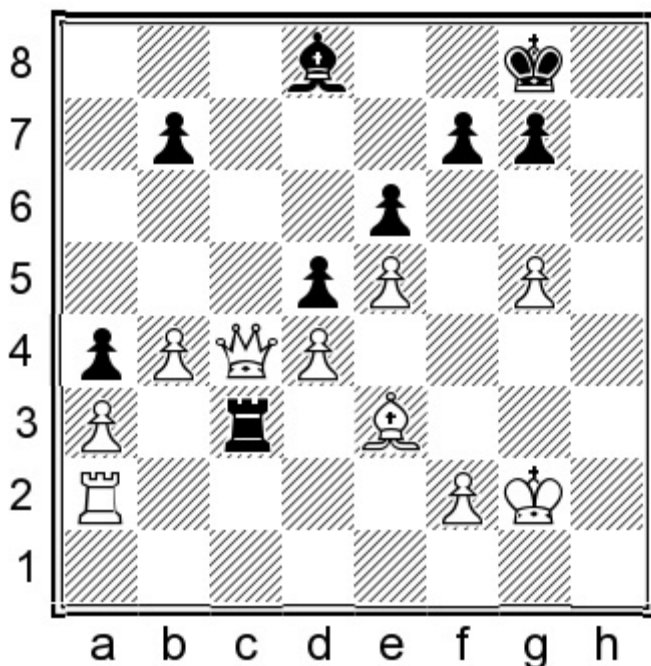
There was nothing wrong with natural 42...♔c4 where Black is about to get a winning endgame, but I had a dream of an improved one, with White's kingside pawns being shattered.

43.g5

43.h5 was more stubborn, but Black is just winning slowly anyway - 43...♙g5!? (43...b5! is *Stockfish's* best.)

43...hxg5 44.hxg5 ♔c4-+ It should be very easy from now on, but given the Candidates were at stake, and that I played the World Champion, I suddenly started to make strange and bad decisions

45.♔xc4



45...dxc4?!

45...♙xc4-+ very simple, and it's the game over with too many weaknesses in White's camp.

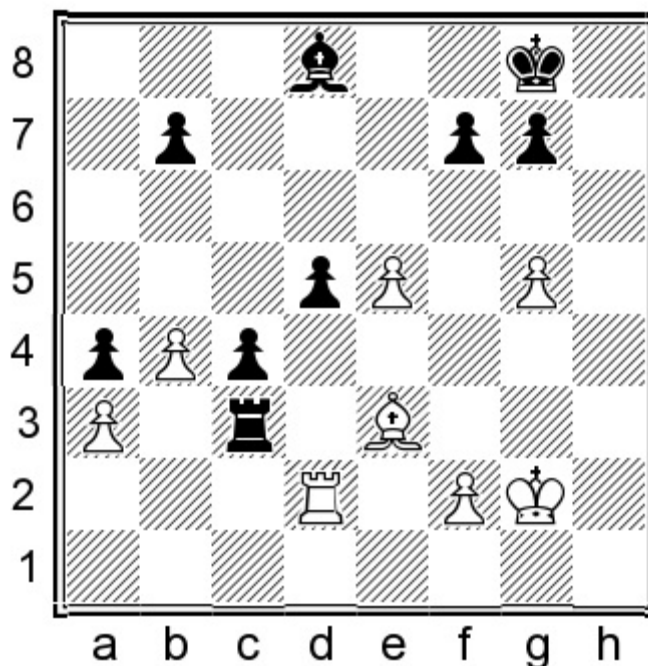
46.d5

46.♔f3 ♙xg5!;

46.♙d2 ♙xa3 47.d5 ♙d3-+

46...exd5 47.♙d2

Here, having the World Champion on the ropes, and about 1 minute on the clock which should be more than enough, I suddenly blanked.



47...♖d3?

47...♖a3 was a ridiculously easy win: 48.♖xd5 ♖d3 49.♖c5 a3 but here I got some incomprehensible delusions, like White generating some counterplay by means of g6 or e6, which in fact is instantly losing to a2, and after 50.♖c8 ♔h7-+ there is not a single trick for the first player.

48.♖xd3 cxd3 49.f4

When I opted for 47...Rd3 I believed the bishop ending to be easily won. All of White's pawns are on the dark squares, the a3-pawn is permanently weak and I'm pawn up at the moment.

Paradoxically there is only one move to win here, which I didn't even consider at all.

49...♔f8? Letting the win slip away.

49...f6! was very important, to open inroads for both of my pieces. At the same time I was so fixed on a bad structure and bad bishop in White's camp, that I think I was just unable to come with such solution.

50.♔f3? A mistake as indicated by the silicon friend, because once again Black is winning after f6!

Both 50.♔f2 and 50.♔f1 were drawing, as White goes after the d3-pawn, keeping his bishop to eye the f4- and g5-pawns. 50...f6 (50...♔e7 51.♔e1 ♔e6 52.♔d2 ♔f5 53.♔xd3= is twin to the game.) 51.exf6 gxf6 52.♔e1 d4 53.♔c1! and just too many pawns are traded to create any realistic winning chances. 53...fxg5 54.fxg5 ♔f7 55.♔f4 ♔g6 56.♔d2 ♔f5 57.g6=

50...♔e7?

50...f6!-+

51.♔c5+ ♔e6 52.♔e3= Now suddenly White is on time, and it's a drawn endgame thanks to a small

tactical trick, I had missed from the affair.

52...♖f5 53.♖xd3 g6

53...♖xf4?? 54.g6! and unexpectedly White wins.

54.♗e3

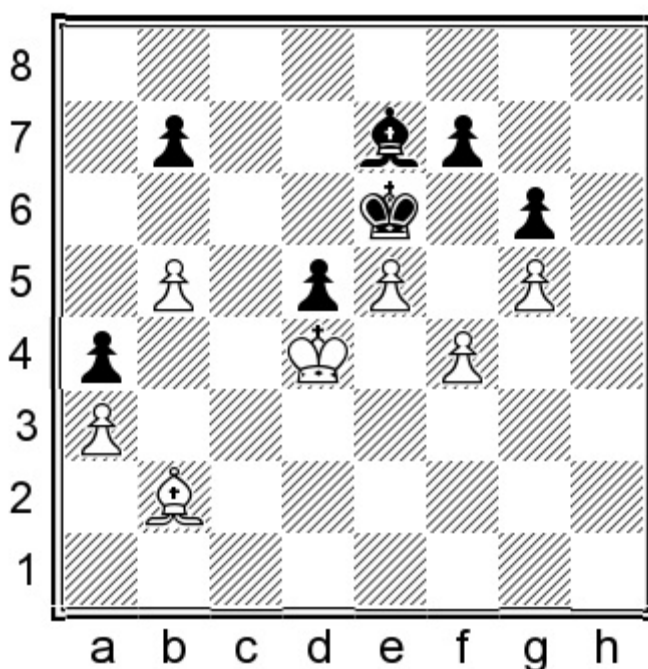
54.♖e3!? ♖g4 55.♗d4 ♗e7 56.♗b6= was perhaps simpler for Magnus, but also there is nothing wrong with the move he played. In a sense from now on it was sort of crazy, we were just playing on the increment, as I was trying to win somehow.

54...♗c7 55.b5 This felt risky to me, as now the a3-f8 diagonal is opened, and it's easier to get to the a3-pawn. Still the move is perfectly OK.

55.♗d4 I believe we both thought that I may have some winning chances in the queen endgame, but in fact it's just a draw. 55...♗b6+ 56.♖d3 ♗xe3 57.♖xe3 d4+ 58.♖xd4 ♖xf4 59.b5 ♖xg5 60.♖c5 ♖f5 61.♖b6 g5 62.♖xb7 g4 63.b6 g3 64.♖a6 (not the only retreat) 64...g2 65.b7 g1=♔ 66.b8=♔=;

55.♗c5!? with the idea 55...♖xf4?? 56.♗d6+-

55...♗d8 56.♖d4 ♗b6+ 57.♖d3 ♗d8 58.♖d4 ♗e7 59.♗c1 ♖e6 60.♗b2 After some neutral moves, we came to the position in which I had a decent try.



60...♗d8

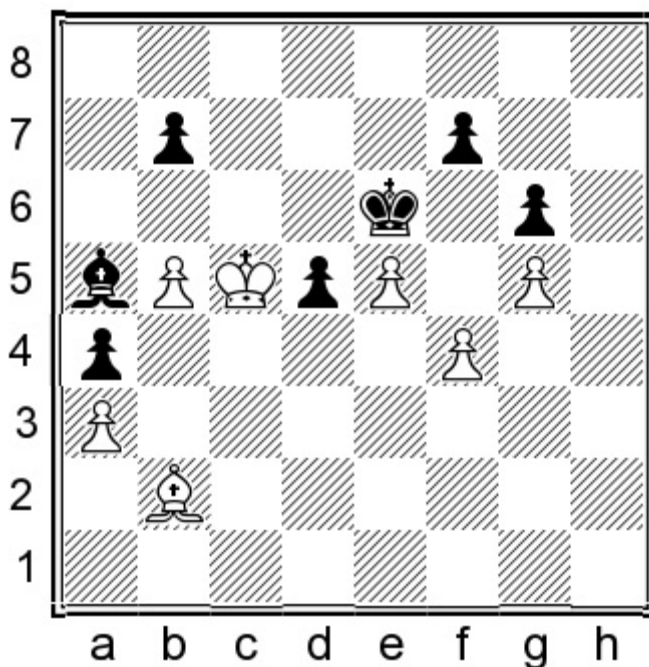
60...b6!? obviously it wasn't easy to put the pawn on the dark square, but White would have had to find 3 only moves not to lose: 61.♖d3 ♗c5 62.♗d4 ♗xa3 63.♖c2!= and White regains the pawn with equality, as the pawn endgame is not an option for Black. (63.♗xb6? is losing 63...♗c1 64.♗c7 a3 (64...♖d7!? 65.b6 ♖c6 66.f5 gxf5-+) 65.b6 ♖d7 (65...a2 66.b7 a1=♔ 67.b8=♔ ♔a6+ 68.♖c2 ♔c6+ 69.♖d1 ♗xf4-+) 66.f5 a2 ♗e6 67.e6+ fxe6 68.♗e5 ♗f4!-+) 63...♗c5?? 64.♗xc5 bxc5 65.b6 ♖d7

66.f5+-

61.♔c5 ♕a5

61...♕e7+!? made sense repeating once, but a refutation of 62.♔b6?? just didn't cross my mind.

62...♕xa3! 63.♕xa3 d4 and Black is faster 64.♔xb7 d3 65.b6 d2 66.♔a8 d1=♚ 67.b7 ♚d5-+



62.♕c1?? I think it's a natural instinct to defend both vulnerable pawns in one go, but in fact it's a losing blunder, which with some dosage of luck I managed to exploit.

62.♕d4!= was the only move, which I think we both just didn't see.

62...♕c3!-+ I didn't calculate all consequences of this move, but was lucky enough to play the only winning move in the position.

63.b6

63.♔b6 d4 64.♔xb7 d3 65.b6 d2! is what I didn't see from afar, and it's the only move not to lose.

66.♕xd2 ♕xd2 67.♔a6 ♕xf4! 68.b7 ♕xe5-+

63...d4 64.♔c4 ♔d7 doesn't make much sense, but is also neutral, the king should go in another direction.

When after 64...♔f5 65.♔d3 ♕a1!-+ is a nice zugzwang move.

65.♕e3 A decent trick, but as explained I was too biased towards the quality of bishops, to actually consider exchanging them.

Black is also winning after 65.♔d3 ♔e6 66.♔e4 ♕a1 67.♕d2 ♕b2 68.♕b4 ♕c1-+

65...♕b2

65...dxe3?? 66.♔xc3+- and White is even winning.

66.♙xd4 ♙xa3 67.♙e3 ♙b2 68.♖b4 a3 69.♖b3 ♖e6 70.♖a2 ♖d5 71.♖b3 ♖e4 72.♙d2 ♙d4
73.♖xa3 ♙xb6 74.♖b4 ♙f2

74...♙e3?? 75.♙xe3 ♖xe3 76.f5+-

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Magnus Carlsen vs Jan-Krzysztof Duda, FIDE World Cup; Photo by Anastasia Korolkova

VELIMIR'S CHESS FAIRY TALE

The biggest surprise of the whole tournament is the appearance of a young, fearless, theoretically well prepared, and always ready for an uncompromising fight - GM Velimir Ivic from Serbia, rated 2582. The way he attracted the attention of the chess public, the chess elite, as well as all commentators was fascinating. In the first round he was a slight favourite against the US grandmaster Hungaski, but then he managed to defeat some renowned players, entering each match as the "underdog", namely:

Miodrag Perunović		
• Country:	Serbia	
• Born:	1979	
• Rating:	2424	
• Peak rating:	2481	
• Title:	International Master since 2003	

Vallejo Pons, Bluebaum, Andreikin. Eventually he lost the match against Fedoseev, but only in tie-break. In actual fact, Velimir Ivic played 10 tournament games in Krasnaya Polyana without a single inferior position and he didn't lose a single classical game! A brilliant achievement!

His chess fairy tale began in match against GM Robert Hungaski.

D82

Hungaski, Robert (2514) - Ivic, Velimir (2582)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 White avoids main theoretical lines and options for a more solid **4.♙f4!?** **♙g7 5.e3 c5!** Black is intending to seize the initiative in the centre right away and hinder all of White's illusions about obtaining a decent position.

6.dxc5 ♖a5 7.♞c1 O-O 8.cxd5

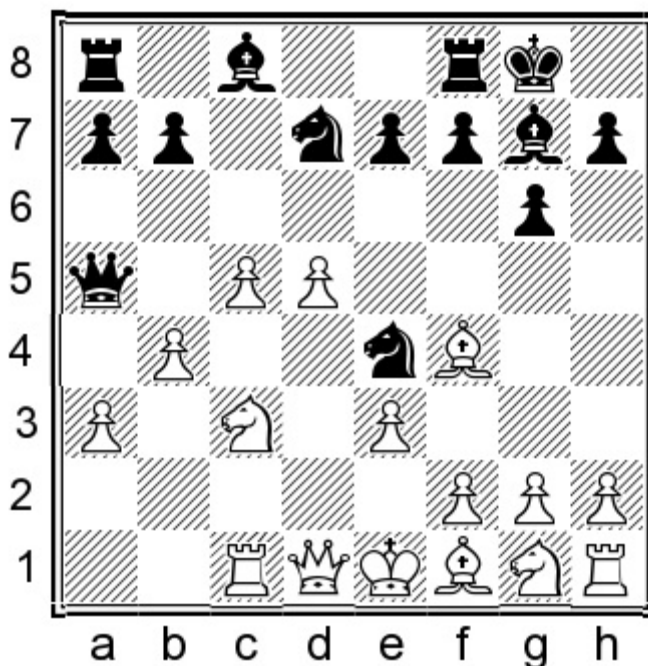
Velimir Ivic shows a great theoretical preparation and goes for the modern **8...♘bd7!?**

8...♞d8; 8...♘e4

9.a3

The most commonly played move at this point is **9.♙c4 ♘xc5 10.♘e2 ♙d7** Aleksandrov,Aleksej 2574 - Ponkratov,Pavel 2623, Chelyabinsk 2021 - 147/151

9...♘e4 10.b4



10...♙xc3+!N

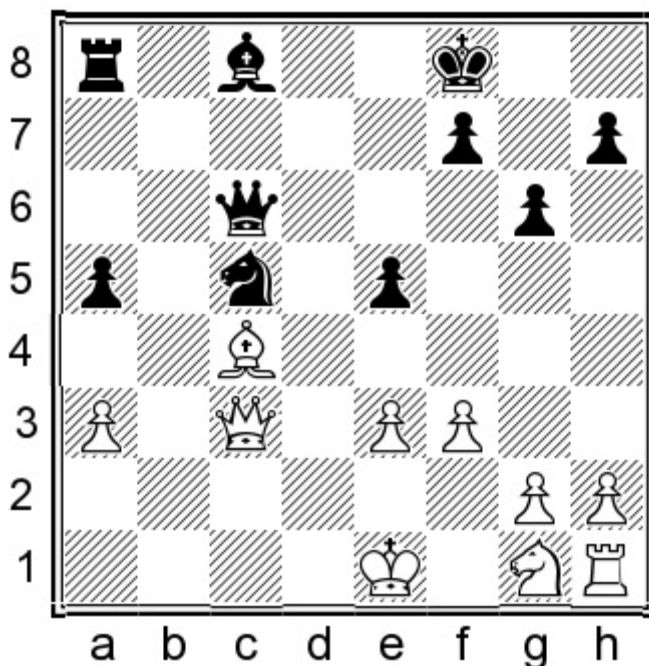
10...♘xc3 11.bxa5 ♘xd1 12.♙xd1± Timofeev,Artyom 2594 - Wagner,Dennis 2581, tornelo.com (Internet-rapid) 2021

11.♖xc3 ♜xc3 12.♔a1 ♕a4 13.♕xc3 a5! The point of Black's play! He is trying to activate the queen which is currently out of play, but in order to accomplish that he must act very quickly!

14.b5 ♕e4! 15.f3

Many commentators wondered what would have happened if White went for the material after **15.♗h6?! ♕b1+! 16.♔e2 ♜f6↑** However, Black would be in position to gain strong initiative thanks to the Rd8 and Qb5 ideas.

15...♕xd5 16.♗h6 e5! 17.♗xf8 ♔xf8 18.c6 bxc6 19.bxc6 ♜c5 20.♗c4 ♕xc6=

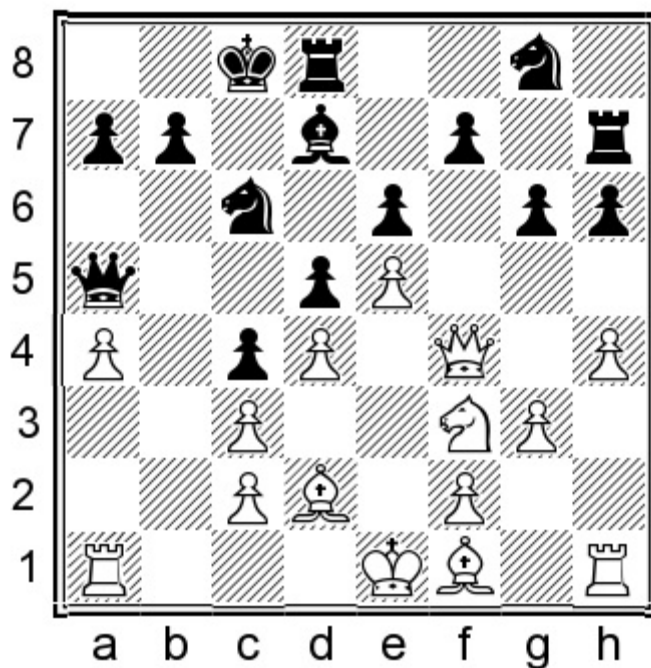


This was the first game of the tournament and Ivic already showed excellent preparation and slight improvement in one of the topical variations of the Bf4 Gruenfeld. The remainder of the game was pretty calm, ending in a draw. Ivic managed to hold with the black pieces without any trouble, eagerly awaiting the white game and his favourite 1.e4!

C18
Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Hungaski, Robert (2514)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2), 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♞c3 This is Velimir's favourite choice against the French Defence. Throughout the tournament he displayed great knowledge of the topical French lines!

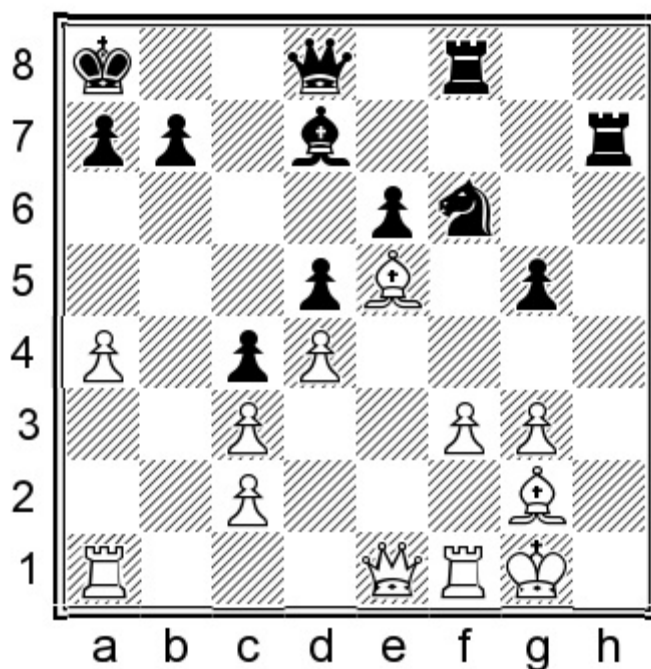
3...♞b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♞xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♞c6!? 7.♔g4 g6 8.a4!? ♕a5 9.♗d2 ♗d7 10.♞f3 c4 11.♕f4 h6 12.h4 ♖h7 13.g3 O-O-O



14.♔g2!? One more solid novelty! The course of the game will show that the g2-bishop played the crucial role in defence of the white king, also contributing to the most effective conclusion of the game!

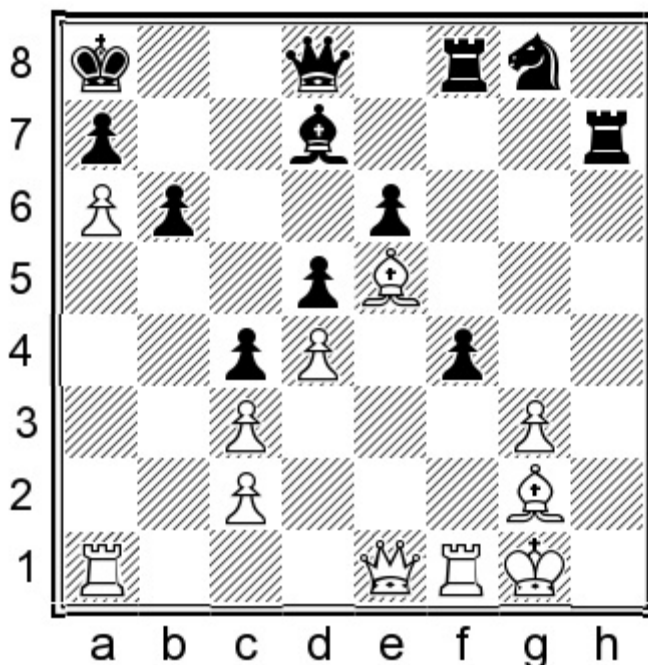
14.♔h3 Bologan, Viktor 2679 - Kruppa, Yuri 2531, Moscow 2004

14...♖b8 15.O-O ♖a8 16.♔e3 ♗ge7 17.♔e1 ♜dh8 18.♗h2 ♛d8 19.♗g4 ♗g8 20.♔f4 f5 21.exf6 ♗xf6 22.♗e5 ♗xe5 23.♔xe5 g5 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.f3 ♜f8



26.a5! Excellent move! White manages to crash into Black's position. The idea is rather obvious 27.a6, weakening the black king's position along the light-squares. Then the g2-bishop will prove to be extremely powerful on the long h1-a8 diagonal.

26...♖g8 27.a6 b6 28.f4! gxf4



29.♙xf4

Ivic had a great opportunity to finish the game in great style! After the game he told me that the very moment he played 29.Bf4, he realised that he had the magnificent 29.♔e4!!+- at his disposal. All the players experience such misses sometimes.

Anyway, Velimir Ivic won this game thanks to excellent play in the opening and strong initiative he obtained in the middlegame. Black didn't have any chance to complicate the play. We can only feel a slight regret because Velimir missed a spectacular move to finish the game in more effective fashion!

B15

Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2669)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.e4 c6!? 2.d4 d5 3.♖d2 dxe4 4.♖xe4 ♖f6 5.♖xf6+ exf6 6.c3 ♗d6 7.♗d3 O-O 8.♔c2 ♝e8+ 9.♖e2 h5!? This move became Black's most common choice in the last couple of years. At first, Black achieved excellent results with it, but the most recent tournament practice shows that White managed to find several paths to stable advantage. This game confirms it. The idea of Black's h5-pawn push is to prevent White's Ng3 in view of h4. Also, Black will induce threats towards the white king by creating the Qc7/Bd6 battery. On top of that, Black would gladly continue with h4-h3 thus creating light-square weaknesses around the white king.

10.O-O h4 11.h3 ♖d7 12.♗d2 ♖f8 13.♝ae1 ♗e6 14.f4! A completely new plan for White, angling to achieve excellent piece coordination, while the black h4-pawns seems to be out of place. White is in full control after only 15 moves of play! At the moment, White lacks sufficient space for manoeuvres, but after f5, followed by c4 and Nc3 he will obtain a strong initiative.

14...♔c7N

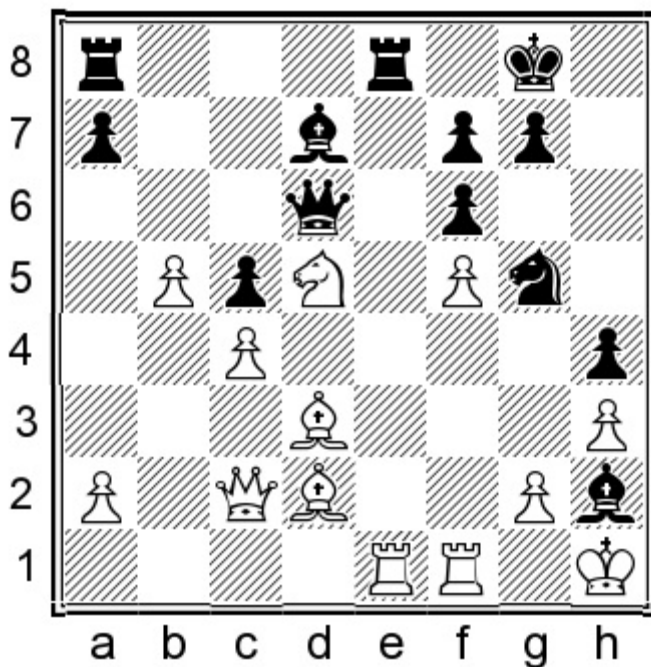
14...b5

15.f5! ♙d7 16.c4! b6 17.b4 c5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5 Ivic managed to seize space and create a passed pawn on b5, at the same time having control over the key central d5-square!

19...♞h7 20.♞c3

At the first glance Black's **20...♞g5** idea seems correct, but White is actually counting on that assesment. White will proceed with logical, simple moves and limit the scope of the f8-knight!

21.♞d5 ♙h2+ 22.♔h1 ♚d6

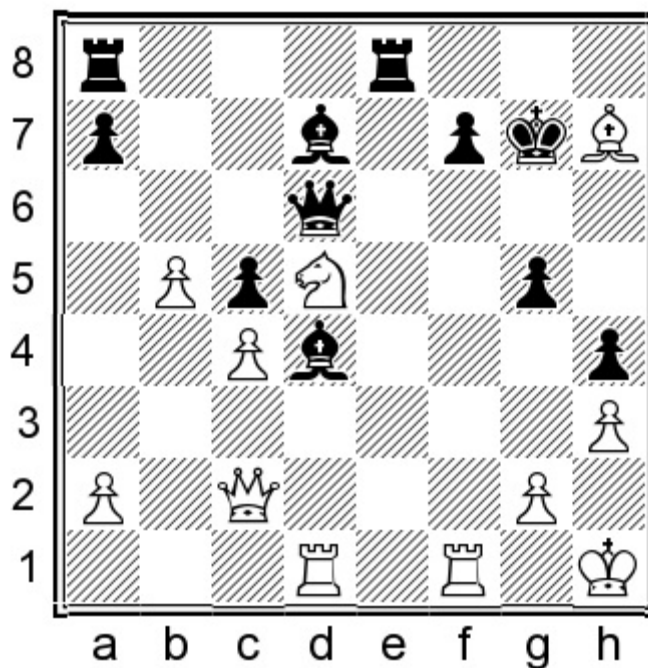


23.♞d1! Improving the rook and creating a nasty X-ray against the black queen on d6. Also, White is avoiding simplifications which would favour Black.

23...♙e5 24.♙xg5! fxg5 25.f6! ♙d4

25...gxf6 26.♙h7+ ♔f8 27.♞xf6

26.♙h7+ ♔h8 27.fxg7+ ♔xg7



28. ♖f6

At this point Ivic had a wonderful opportunity to finish the game in great positional style by transitioning to superior knight vs. bishop position! 28. ♕f5!+-

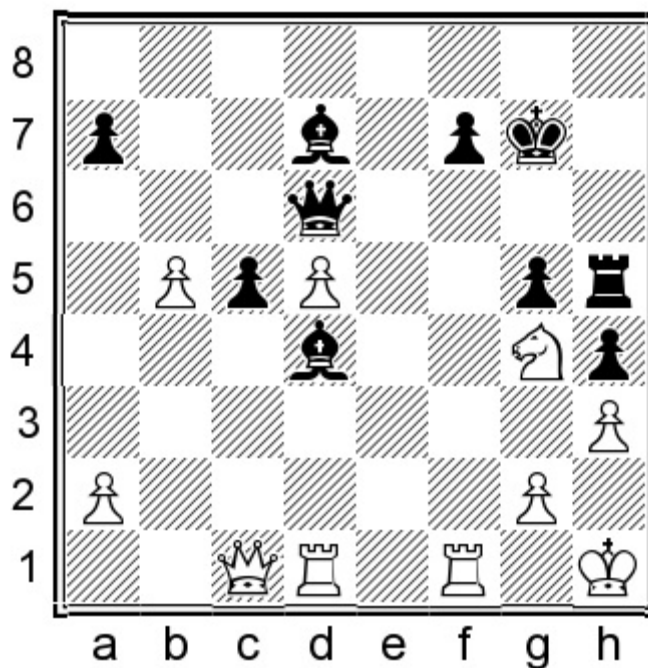
28... ♜e5 29. ♕e4 ♜h8 30. ♕d5 ♕e6

30... ♕f5!± Apparently, this was the only chance for Black to complicate the play and make it reasonably interesting. Anyway, Black would still have an inferior position.

31. ♖g4 ♜xd5! 32. cxd5 ♕d7

32... ♕xg4 33. hxg4 h3 34. g3±

33. ♜c1! ♜h5



34. Rxd4! A brilliant move that makes it impossible for Black to save himself, eliminating the key defender in Black's camp. The f6-square becomes weak, while the g5-pawn is not sufficiently defended. On top of that, the black king is under attack, so the rest proves to be the matter of technique and solid execution.

34... cxd4 35. Nf6! R6h6 36. Qxg5+ Rg6 37. Nh5+ Kf8 38. Qxh4 Rxb5 39. Rb1 Rc4 40. Rc1 Ra6 41. Qxd4 Rb7 42. Qh8+ Rg8 43. Qb2 Rxd2 44. Kxg2 Rxd5+ 45. Kf1 1-0

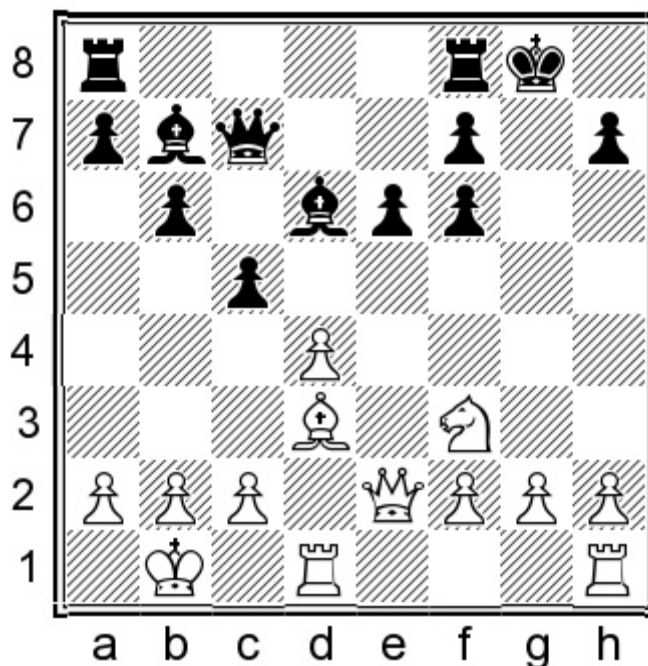
Ivic conducted a really fine game full of tactical strokes, but Andreikin showed his class and saved a hopeless position!

C10
Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2), 2021

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Nf3 Ngf6 6. Nxf6+ Nxf6 7. Qe3 Qd6 8. Qd3 O-O 9. Qe2 b6 10. O-O-O Qb7 11. Kb1 c5 12. Qg5 Ivanchuk utilised this idea some 15 years ago, and then Anand and Caruana picked it up and used with great success against Meier in some recent encounters.

12... Qc7?! N A novelty!

13. Qxf6! gxf6



14.d5! This move came out of the blue! Suddenly, Black is experiencing severe problems with development!

14...♙xd5 15.♘h4! Black is in trouble and multiple threats are emerging. White is threatening Bh7 followed by Rd5, or the smile Qh5 with the crushing kingside attack to follow.

15...♞fd8 16.♙h5 f5 17.♙xf5!? White is destroying one of the pawns hoping to generate a decisive attack or to regain the bishop.

17.♘xf5!?! exf5 18.♙g5+ ♔h8 (18...♙f8 19.♙h6+ ♔e7 20.♞he1+ ♙e5 21.f4±) 19.♙xf5 f6 20.♙xd5±

17...♙xa2+?! This is a logical, reasonable move, but not the best in this position.

17...♙e5

18.♙xa2 exf5 19.♙g5+

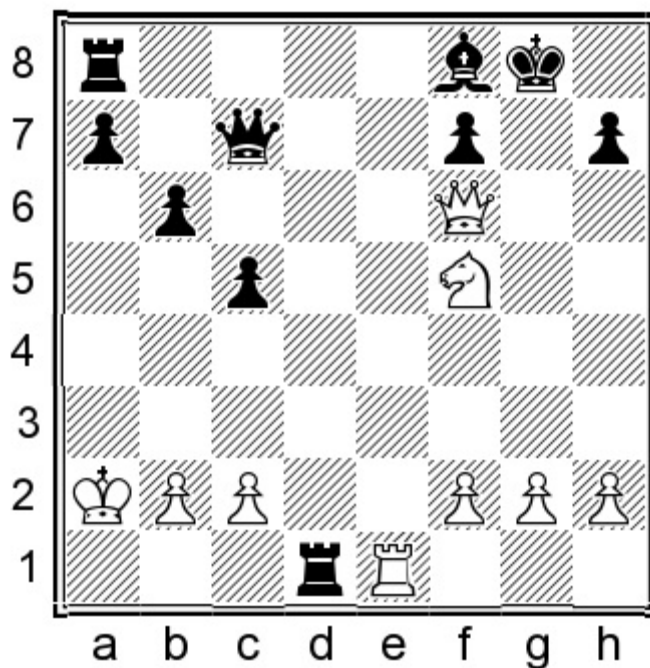
Here Ivic missed a deadly blow 19.♞d3!+- and Andreikin would be totally lost!

19...♙h8 20.♙f6+ ♔g8 21.♞he1 ♙f8 22.♘xf5 ♞xd1?

Being in a rather difficult position, with little time on the clock, Andreikin loses focus and overlooks an excellent in-between move... 22...b5! and Black gains great chances to defend himself, by applying Qb6, Qa5 ideas, or even generating some counter-attack with the timely c4 push!

23.♙g5+! ♔h8 24.♙f6+! Why an exclamation mark here, you may wonder!?! Ivic wisely repeats the position once gaining some time on the clock which is a sign of decent experience and maturity of his play despite the young age!

24...♙g8

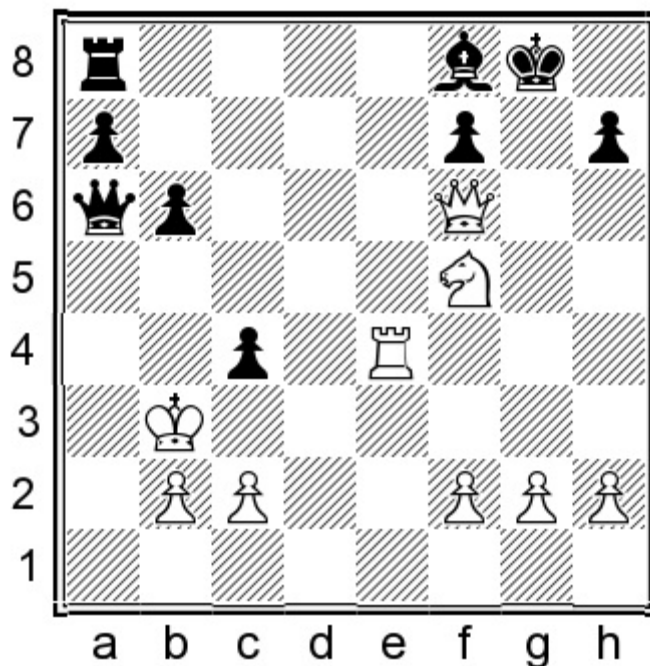


25...Re4!+- While following the game live, we assumed that the game is finished. However, a skill of a top class player becomes obvious here, the ability to save practically lost positions! I am truly in awe even now, suggesting the readers to take note about one of the greatest saves I've recently witnessed.

25...Re4! 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Nxd4 Qc8 29.Nf5?!

Ivic could have hoped for more if he had played 29.Re3! Qg4 30.Rg3 Qxg3 31.hxg3 cxd4 32.Qxd4+- Compared to the game continuation White would have three vs. two pawns situation, while in the game he had one vs. two on the kingside.

29...Qa6+ 30.Kb3 c4+!

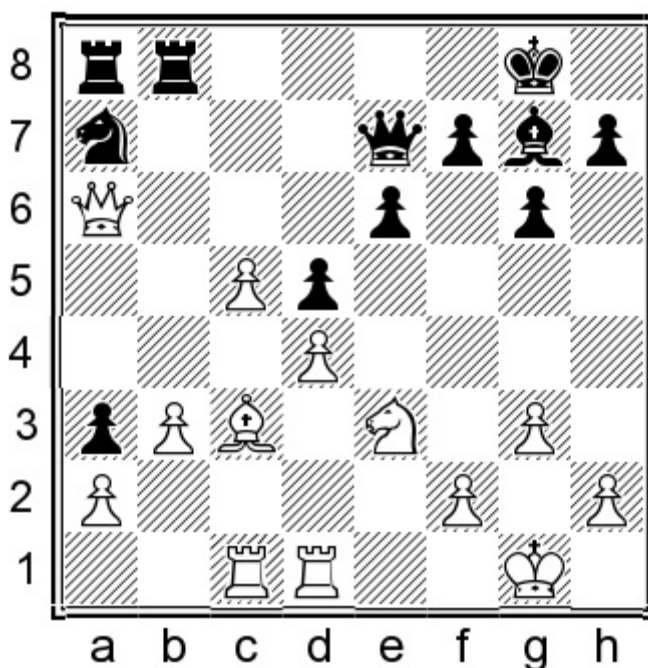


31.♞xc4?!

This was the last moment when Ivic could have found a winning continuation. However, the "solution" is almost a problem-like one, so with little time left even the stronger players would probably miss the winning path. 31.♔c3! ♞a5+ 32.♔xc4 ♞c8+ 33.♔d3+-

31...♞b5+ 32.♔c3 ♞a5+ 33.♔b3 ♞b5+ 34.♔c3 ♞a5+ 35.♔d3 ♞d5+ 36.♞d4 ♞xg2 37.♞d7 ♞f3+ 38.♔d2 ♞xf2+ 39.♔c1 ♞g1+ 40.♞d1 ♞g6 41.♞d4 ♞xf5 42.♞g1+ ♞g6 43.♞xg6+ hxg6 44.♞d7 a5 45.♞b7 ♞e8 46.♞xb6 ♞e5 47.c3 ♞h5 48.♞b8 ♔g7 49.b4 axb4 50.cxb4 ♙xb4 51.♞xb4 ♞f5 1/2-1/2

Andreikin, Dmitry (2724) - Ivic, Velimir (2582)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/3-rapid), 2021



23...♞b5! Even though this move is highly logical and practically forced, Black is still far away from capturing the white queen! However, it seems like Ivic has already set the trap for the black queen.

24.♞c6 ♞d8! The beginning of an excellent execution! The queen goes back to d8, and then the bishop retreats to f8 controlling the d6-square, so after Nc7 and Ra6 the queen is about to be captured on c6.

25.♙a1 h5! A strong prophylactic move that leaves White without even a glimmer of counter-attack. White intended Ng4-e5.

26.♞g2 ♙f8! The d6-square is covered, so the Nc7 followed by Ra6 manoeuvre becomes realistic.

27.♞e3 ♞c7!-+

Surely one of the best Velimir's combinations of the tournament! And, in a very important moment as well, when playing the most important game of his career. Even though he missed a clear win a

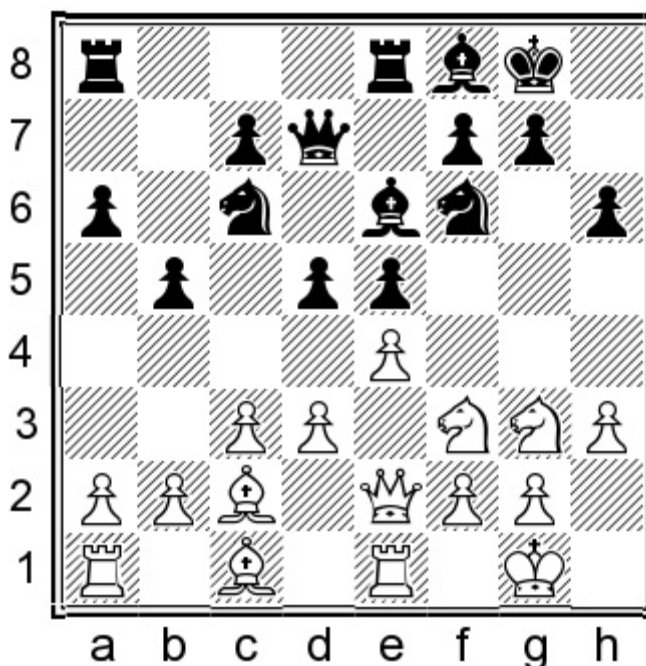
day earlier, that didn't make him fragile. Instead, he showed great psychological stability!

C84

Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid), 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.d3 d6 7.c3 O-O 8.♘bd2 ♞e8 9.♞e1 ♙f8
10.♘f1 h6 11.♘g3 b5 12.♙c2 d5 13.♞e2 ♙e6 14.h3 ♞d7 After a sequence of typical Ruy
Lopez/Italian moves, Ivic engages into attack on the kingside knowing that he must play as sharply as
possible.



15.♘h4! White is trying to create a mating attack by means of Qf3 and Ngf5/ Nhf5, following a well known path in similar positions.

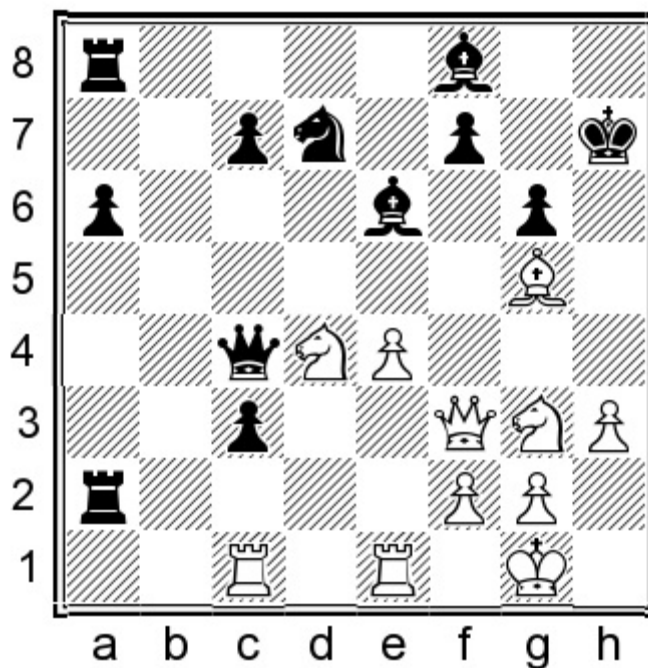
15...d4 16.♘hf5 dxc3 17.bxc3 b4 18.♙a4! Activating the light-square bishop and trying to engage play on both flanks so the black pieces remain as defensive and uncoordinated as possible.

18...bxc3 19.♙e3 ♞eb8 20.♞ac1 ♞b2 21.♞f3! All in! That's what it takes to get to the quarter finals at the World Cup!

21...♞xa2 22.♙xc6 ♞xc6 23.♘xh6+ ♔h7 24.♘hf5 g6 25.♙g5! White proceeds with a series difficult and complicated moves in mutual time trouble!

25...♘d7 26.d4! With the idea of pushing d5, and to be able to take on d4 with the knight, thus attacking the key black defender - e6-bishop.

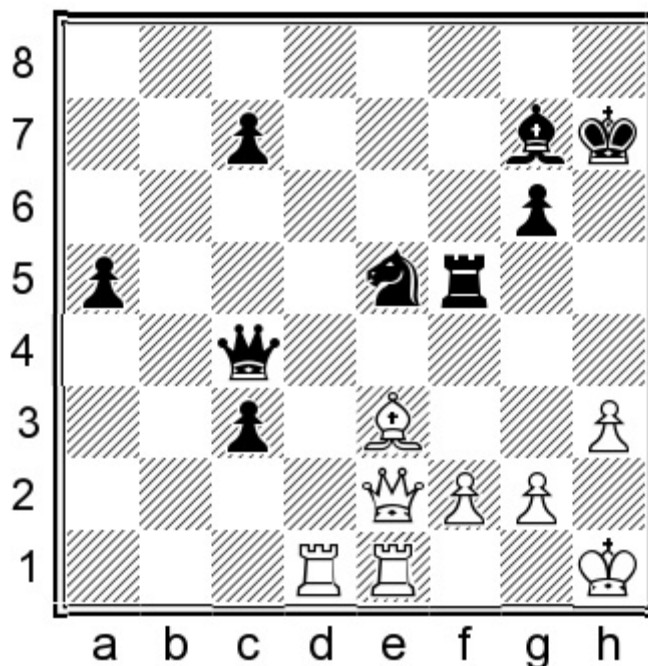
26...exd4 27.♘xd4 ♞c4



28. ♖gf5! Ivic is extremely composed and finds one of the most attractive moves.

28... ♗xf5 29. exf5 ♔xd4 30. fxg6+ fxg6 31. ♔f7+ ♗g7 32. ♔xa2 ♖e5 33. ♖cd1 ♔b4 34. ♔c2 ♖f8 35. ♗e3 ♖f5 36. ♔e2 a5 37. ♗h1 ♔c4

It is time to take the stock and examine the position in greater detail. White is up an exchange and has very good pawn formation around his king, together with well-placed rook on the e- and d-files, and blocked black c-pawn. So, he should be able to convert without much trouble. Unfortunately, time scramble and immense pressure of the competition, combined with the obvious lack of experience ended Velimir's fairy tale at this point... Fedoseev managed to make use of the only chance he got in the game!



38.♔d4??

38.♔d4 was quite enough for White to retain huge advantage.

38...c2! 39.♖c1 ♔xd4 40.♖xc2 ♜d3 41.♖f1 c5 42.f3 c4 43.♔e6 0-1

Even though Ivic lost a winning position against Fedoseev, his chess fairy tale was a really magnificent one. Many renowned chess players and commentators (eg. Fressinet, Short, Shipov, Svidler) tweeted about his wins and praised his domination with the white pieces against the very top players in the world. This 19 year old player gave his very best at the World Cup, so the huge army of chess lovers in Serbia could enjoy following the event! After a few decades of waiting for the arrival of a new Ljubomir Ljubojevic, it seems very likely that the Serbian chess public can focus its attention on Velimir Ivic and hope that he will continue to produce excellent results. Finally, as the national coach of the Serbian chess team, I feel great satisfaction at this point, having included Ivic in the national team three years ago and firmly believing that his dedication and hard work will make him shine in future!



Velimir Ivic vs Vladimir Fedoseev, FIDE World Cup; Photo by Anastasia Korolkova

D41

Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2729) - Karjakin, Sergey (2757)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2), 2021

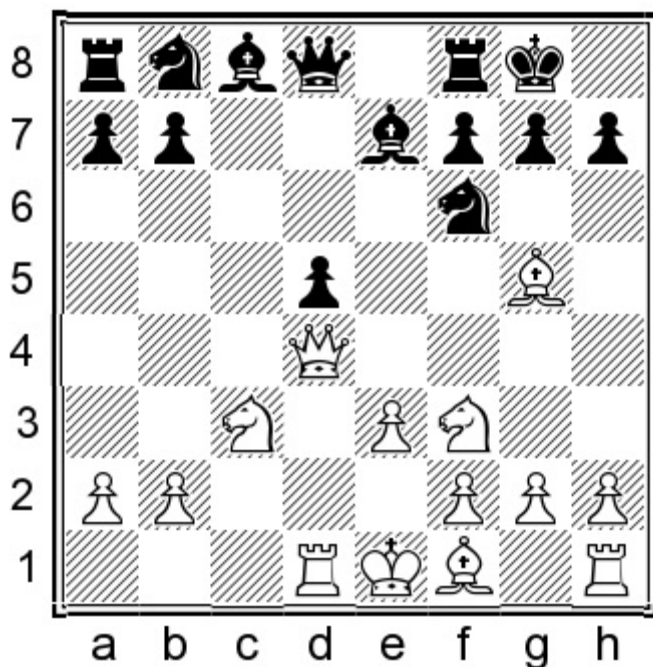
1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 e6 3.♜f3 d5 4.♜c3 c5 Karjakin options for the highly modern Tarrasch Defence. Recently, Black is utilising this variation in order to reach equality "by force" in a slightly inferior endgame.

5.cxd5 cxd4 6.♖xd4 exd5 7.♗g5 Duda rejects the invitation to play for "two results" only, but with extremely slim winning chances.

7.e4 is the main continuation. 7...dxe4 8.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 9.♘g5 ♗e6 10.♘xe6+ fxe6 However, practice shows that Black is able to hold this position with minor difficulties.

7...♗e7 8.e3 O-O 9.♖d1

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• Peak rating:	2603
• Title:	Grandmaster since 2020

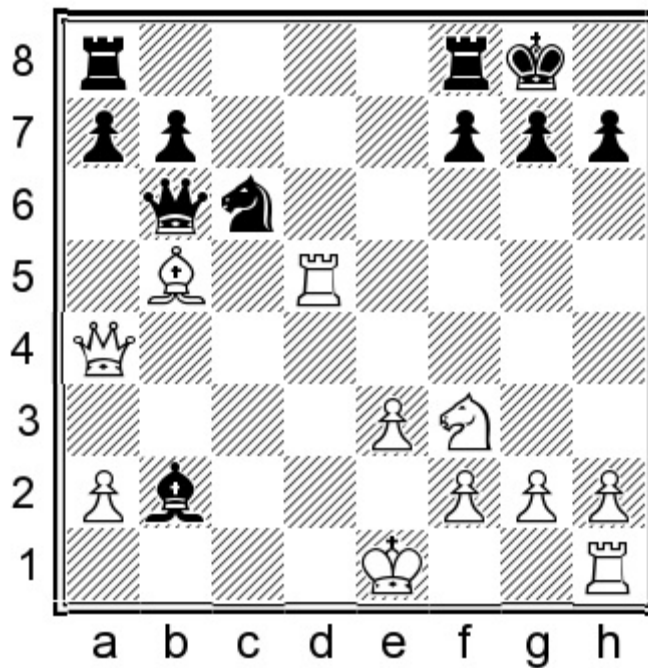
9...♗c6 A small concession for White.

9...♗e6 is a more precise move order, since it prevents White from developing the bishop to b5 thus attacking the c6-knight. The play may proceed with: 10.♗d3 ♗c6 (10...h6 Wojtaszek,Radoslaw 2705 - Van Foreest,Jorden 2671, Wijk aan Zee 2021 - 147/141) 11.♖a4 ♖b6 12.♖d2 h6 13.♗h4 ♖fd8=

10.♖a4 ♗e6 11.♗b5 ♖b6?! Black enters the play for two results, practically by force.

11...♖c8 might be a bit better for Black. However, after 12.O-O a6 13.♗xc6 ♖xc6 14.♘d4± White has a stable edge thanks to the weakness on d4.

12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.♘xd5 ♗xd5 14.♖xd5 ♗xb2



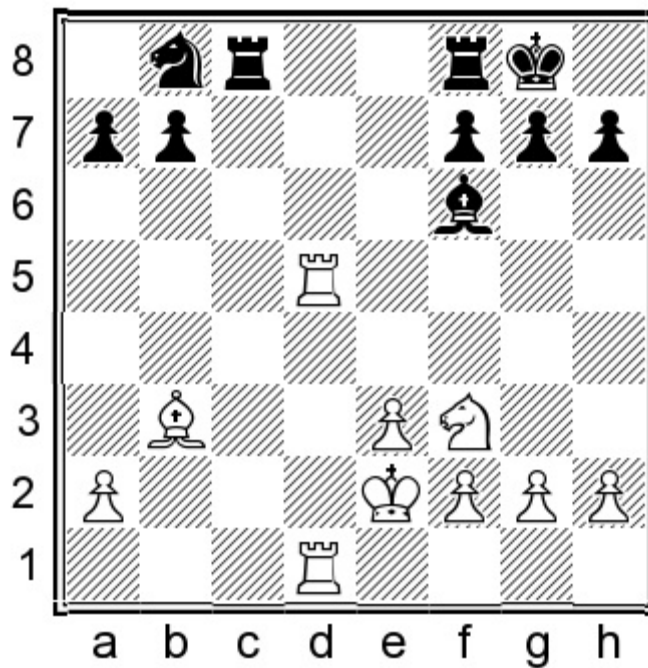
15.♙e2!± White correctly decides to keep his king in the centre where he will be sufficiently safe and very useful in the ensuing endgame. Overall, White has complete control over the central lines and squares. From the practical standpoint, Black's position is already extremely difficult to handle.

15...♙f6 16.♖hd1 ♖ac8

Black cannot release the pressure he is experiencing by exchanging a pair of rooks because that would cost him a pawn. 16...♖ad8 17.♙xc6 bxc6 18.♖xd8 ♖xd8 19.♖xd8+ ♙xd8 20.♘d4± and now 20...c5?? is not possible because of 21.♙e8#

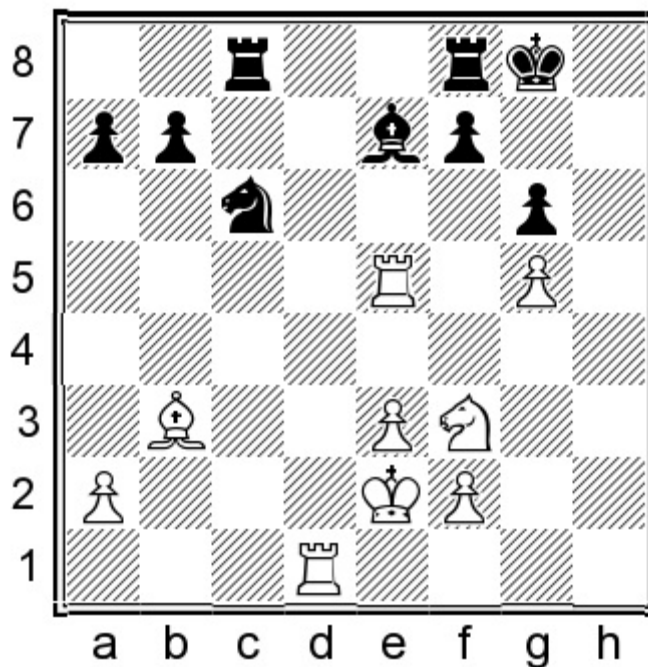
17.♙c4 ♗b4 18.♙b3 ♗xb3 19.♙xb3± White managed to trade the only Black's active piece. Now, Black can only resort to passive defence since his position is close to lost.

19...♘b8



20.g4! Suddenly, the black bishop has no safe squares to go to.

20...h6 21.h4 g6 22.g5 hxg5 23.hxg5 ♕e7 24.♖e5 ♜c6



25.♞d7!+- After the final stroke Black is completely helpless. Now, White can casually collect the weak black pawns.

25...♕d8

25...♜xe5 26.♜xe5 ♕xg5 27.♜xg6 ♞fd8 28.♞xf7+-

26.♞b5 ♜a5 27.♕d5?! This is quite sufficient for the win.

Even though 27.♖xd8 was winning right away!

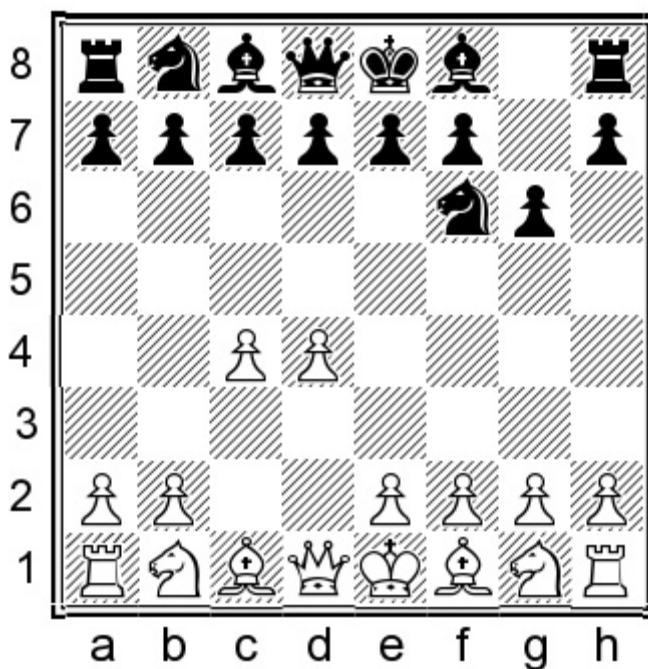
27...♞c7 28.♙xf7+ ♔g7 29.♞xc7 ♙xc7 30.♙d5 1-0

E61

Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6



Fedoseev goes for the modern **3.h4!?** variation which is becoming increasingly popular as of late. The main idea of this move is to stop Black from playing the Gruenfeld Indian Defence.

3...♙g7 4.♘c3 d6

4...d5?! 5.h5 O-O 6.hxg6 hxg6 7.♘f3 and the open h-file causes severe trouble for Black.

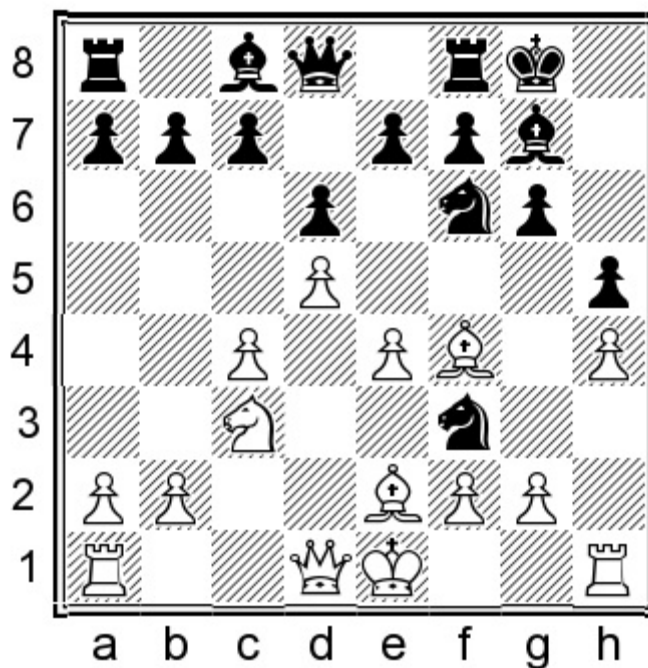
5.e4 ♘c6!? Magnus opts for the rare move. Black is intending to play e5 and then in case of d5 to position his knight on d4.

A more standard option is 5...O-O 6.♙e2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.h5 exd5 9.exd5 ♞e8 10.h6 ♙h8 11.♙g5 Obviously, White is trying to make use of the h6-pawn and his space advantage.

6.d5 ♘e5 7.♙e2 h5 8.♙f4 I am not sure why the bishop stands better on f4 than on g5.

8.♙g5 seems more reasonable.

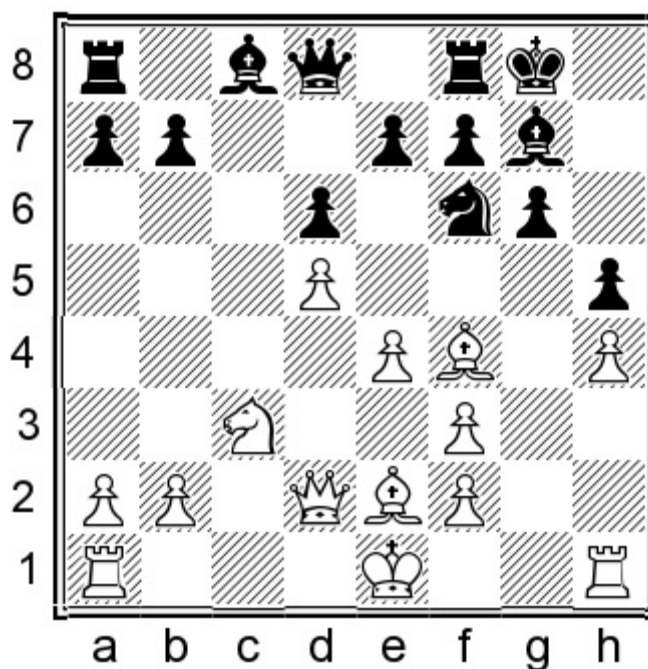
8...O-O 9.♘f3 ♘xf3+



10.gxf3!? Even though computer approves this capture, I am not totally convinced. In actual fact, I believe that Black has easier play already. On his part, White does not have a clear plan of attack on the kingside. While the black king is pretty safe, his white counterpart will have hard time finding a shelter. On top of that, Black has a really promising game plan on the queenside.

10.♙xf3 c6 and Black does not have any problems.

10...c6 11.♔d2 cxd5 12.cxd5



12...♙h7! Carlsen is not allowing the exchange of the dark-square bishop and the subsequent weakening of his king.

13.a4

13.O-O-O a6

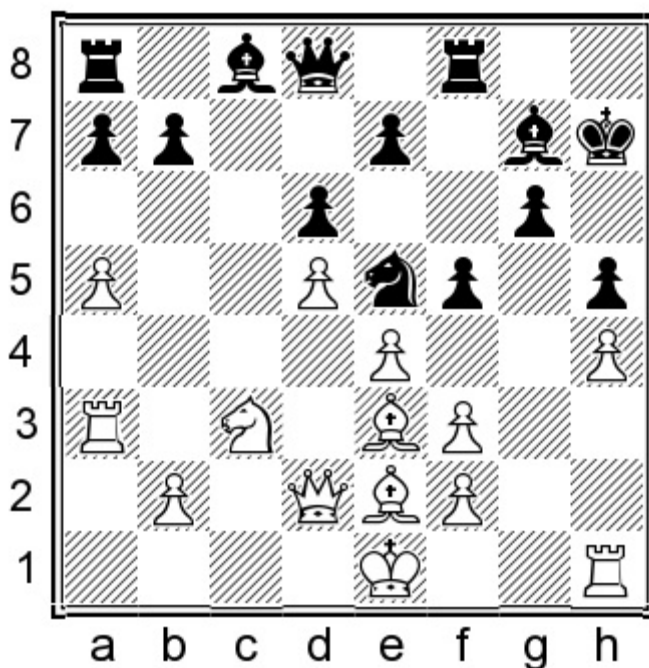
13...♞d7 14.a5 f5!? Magnus goes for a highly risky break in the centre.

14...a6 with the b5 advance idea in mind giving Black a clear advantage. However, Magnus opt for a more interesting continuation.

15.♞a3

15.exf5 taking on f5 was a better solution for White. 15...♞xf5 16.♞e3 with an unclear position with mutual chances.

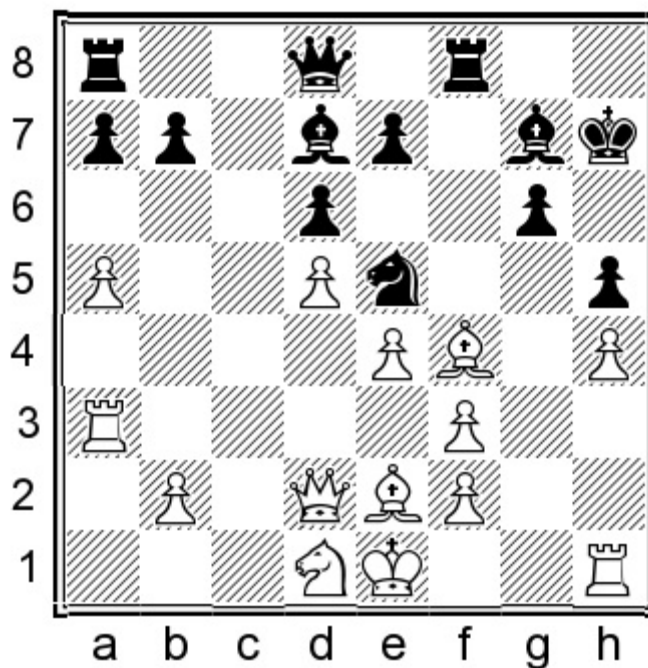
15...♞e5 16.♞e3



16...f4! 17.♞xf4 ♞d7! Since White cannot move the f4-bishop Black decides to make a useful move before executing the sacrifice on f4.

17...♞xf4 18.♞xf4 ♞h6 19.♞g3 ♞f8 was also possible, but Black is better-advised to earn an additional tempo; 17...♞f7!? was the alternative, followed by Qf8. However, I believe that Bd7 is a better move.

18.♞d1

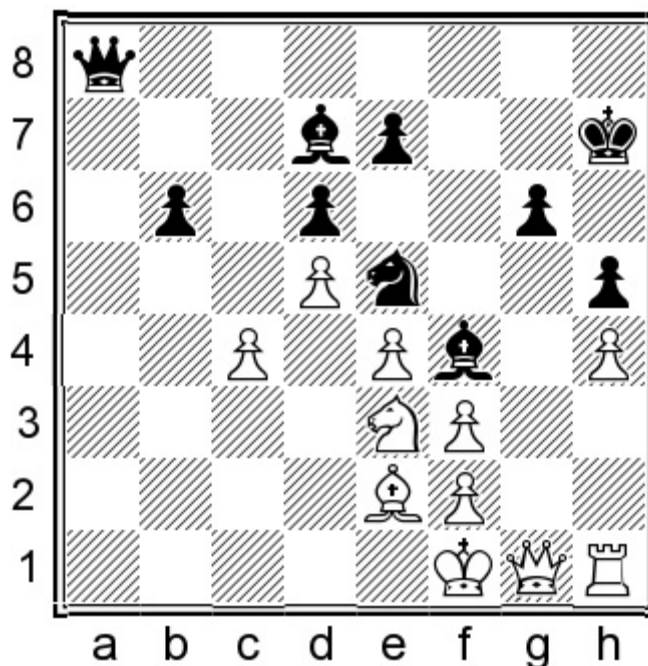


18...Rxf4! 19.Qxf4 Rh6 20.Qg3 Qf8 Domination on the dark-squares is more important than exchange and a pawn. White does not have any counterplay and must suffer without even a glimmer of hope.

21.Ne3 Rf4 22.Qg2 Rc8 23.Rc3 Rxc3 24.bxc3 Qc8 25.c4 b5 26.axb6 axb6 27.Qg1?

27.O-O The only chance for White was to give back the exchange and accept a slightly weaker ending with some drawing chances. 27...Rh3 28.Qh1 Rhxf1 29.Qxf1 Qa8

27...Qa8! 28.Qf1



28...Qa2! White is completely stalemated. He will not be able to untangle his pieces.

29.♟g2 ♚a1+?!

29...♚b1+ 30.♞e1 b5! was more precise, as after 31.cxb5 ♙xb5 32.♙xb5 ♞xf3-- Black wins the queen.

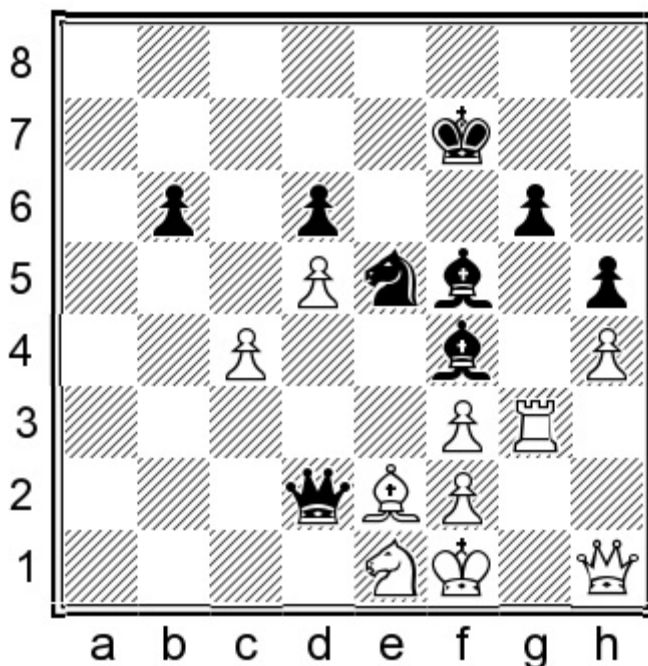
30.♞e1 ♚b2 31.♟g2

31.♞d3 ♞xd3 32.♙xd3 ♚c3 33.♙e2 ♚d2 34.♞h2 ♞g7 35.♞h1 Computer estimates this to be the best chance for White to secure a draw. Of course, the exchange of the e1- for the e5-knight is favourable for White. However, I cannot believe that staying put with Rh2 and Rh1 White can save himself.

31...♚c1+ 32.♞e1 ♚d2-+ 33.♚g2 ♞g7 34.♞g1 ♞f8 35.♚h1 e6 36.♞g3

36.dxe6 White's position is beyond salvation, for example: 36...♙xe6 37.♚g2 ♞e7 38.♚h1 ♞d7 39.♚g2 ♞c6 40.♚h1 ♞c5 41.♚g2 ♞b4 42.♚h1 ♞c3 43.♚g2 ♚c1 44.♚h1 ♞d2-+

36...exd5 37.exd5 ♙f5 38.♞g1 ♞f7 39.♞g3



39...♞d7! The idea of knight transfer to d4 via Nc5-b3-d4 cannot be stopped.

40.♞g5 ♙xg5 41.hxg5 ♞e5 0-1

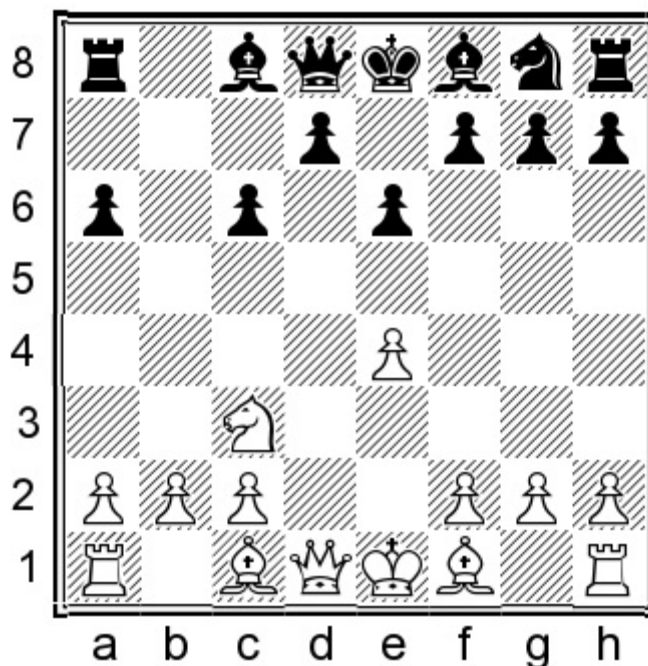
Fedoseev gave up at this point after a long suffering. On his part, Carlsen created a true positional masterpiece, stalemating the rival in the process. An exceptional achievement at the elite level!



Vladimir Fedoseev vs Magnus Carlsen, FIDE World Cup; Photo by David Llada

B46
Ivic, Velimir (2581) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid), 2021

1.e4 c5 Quite naturally, Andreikin options for the Sicilian in the "must win" situation. 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♘c6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♗xc6 bxc6



7.♙d3!? This move gained some popularity lately. The idea is to position the queen on g3 and hinder development of Black's kingside.

7.♘d3 is more common, and after 7...d5 8.O-O ♘f6 9.♖e1 ♙e7 10.e5 ♘d7 11.♙g4 ♔f8 (Leon Hoyos, Manuel 2484 - Granda Zuniga, Julio 2621, Cali 2007 - 103/(119)) a highly unclear position with mutual chances emerges on the board.

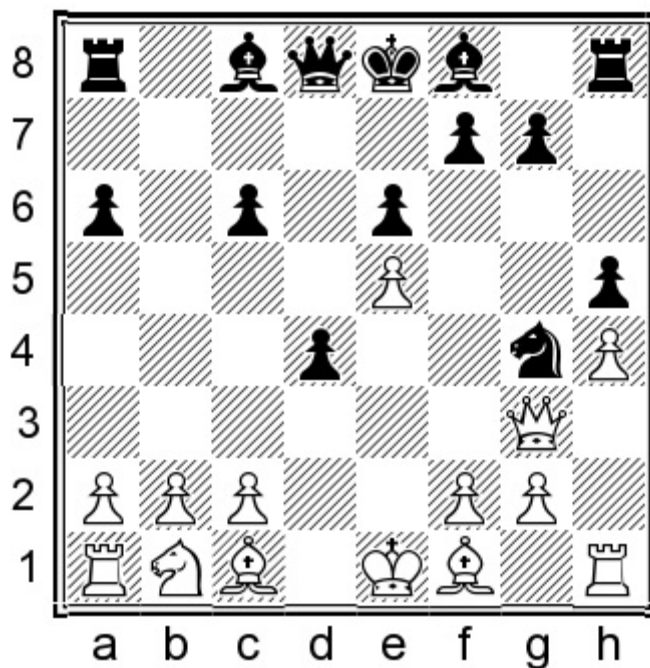
7...d5 8.♙g3 h5

After a standard developing move Black is not able to equalise 8...♘f6 9.♙e2 d4 10.e5! ♘d7 11.♘e4 ♙a5+ 12.c3 ♙xe5 13.♙xe5 ♘xe5 14.cxd4±

9.h4 d4 10.♘b1 ♘f6 11.e5 ♘g4!?

I prepared this position for the first classical game of our mini-match, but I did not go through my files before tie-breaks so I needed some time to figure out how to proceed in this position.

11...♘e4 is the most frequently played move, and the best one, as well. 12.♙f4 ♙b4+ 13.♘d2 ♘xd2 14.♙xd2 ♙xd2+ 15.♔xd2 ♙b7 16.♖h3 c5 17.♖g3∞ with an unclear position.



12.♔f4! An extremely important move. White is able to sacrifice his pawns on the queenside and obtain quick development in return.

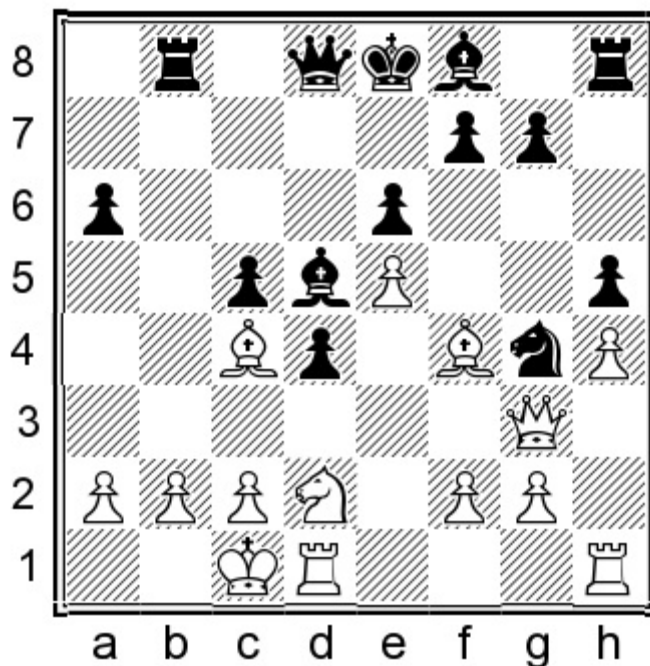
12...c5

12...♕b6? 13.♘d2 ♕xb2 14.♖b1 ♕xc2 15.♙d3 ♕xa2 16.O-O+-

13.♘d2 ♙b7 14.O-O-O

14.♙d3!? was also a quite normal developing move. However, I preferred to castle long and set blockade on c4.

14...♙d5 15.♙c4 ♖b8



16.b3± White's position is very solid, so Black does not have any chances of creating an attack on the white king.

16...♖h6 17.♙xd5 ♚xd5 18.♘c4 ♜f5 19.♚d3 ♙e7

19...♚xg2 20.f3! and the black queen is completely cut off from the game.

20.g3 O-O? During the game I could not understand why Andreikin had decided to castle short. Obviously, Black's position was already a bit worse, but after castling his king is even weaker and may become a clear target for attack.

20...g6 was the expected reply. **21.f3±** White has a clear edge thanks to firm blockade on the light squares.

21.f3 ♜fd8 22.g4 ♜xh4 23.♙g3 ♜xf3 24.gxh5 According to the engine, White had even stronger moves at his disposal. However, I believe that I played in a very reasonable fashion. Black is forced to find a series of only moves in order to stay in the game. Andreikin was not able to do so...

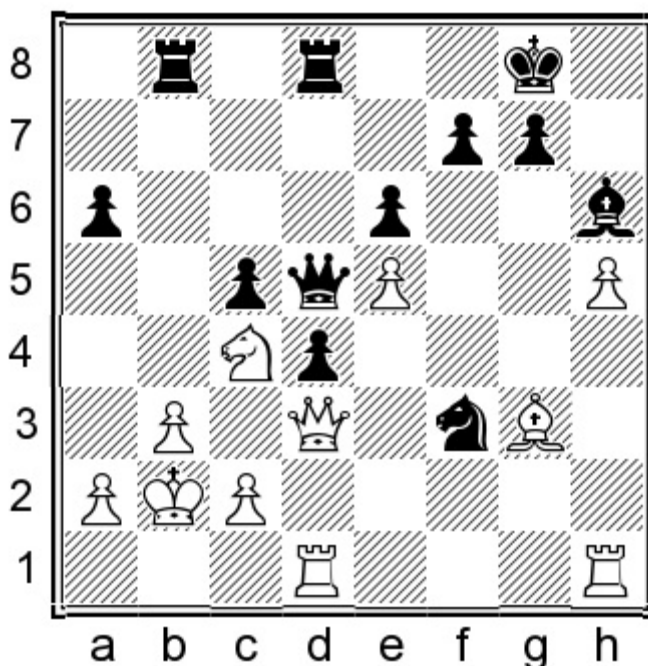
24...♙g5+

24...♞b4! Black had the opportunity to return in the game by destroying the blockade on the light squares. Of course, he would have to sacrifice the exchange in order to create some counterplay.

25.♙f4 ♞xc4 26.bxc4 ♚b7 27.♞df1 ♜h4 28.♞hg1 ♜f5 29.♔d2∞

25.♔b2 ♙h6??

25...♞b4! The last chance for Black! **26.♔a1 ♞xc4 27.bxc4 ♚b7 28.♞hf1 ♙e3 29.h6±** White is only marginally better, but Black has decent chances to continue the fight.



26.♞df1! After this move the black pieces become terribly clumsy, thus making it impossible for Andreikin to save the game.

26...♖g5 27.♗f4 ♕e4 28.♞hg1! Now, White can collect the hanging pieces...

28...♗xd3 29.cxd3 ♜h3 30.♗xh6 ♜xg1 31.♞xg1 ♜h7 32.♗xg7 ♞g8 33.h6 1-0

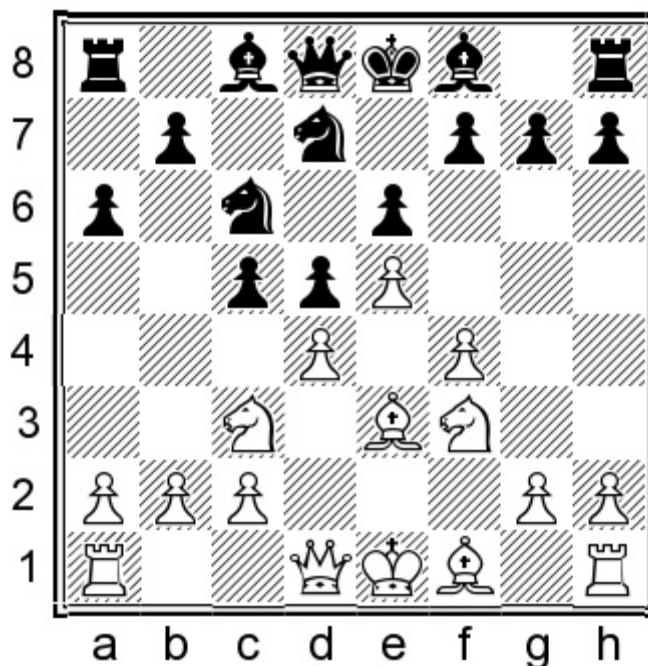


Velimir Ivić vs Dmitry Andreikin, FIDE World Cup; Photo by Anastasia Korolkova

C11

Ivic, Velimir (2581) - Vallejo Pons, Francisco (2710)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 ♜f6 4.e5 ♜fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♖f3 ♜c6 7.♗e3 a6 I did not expect this move. Vallejo used it quite rarely in his previous games.



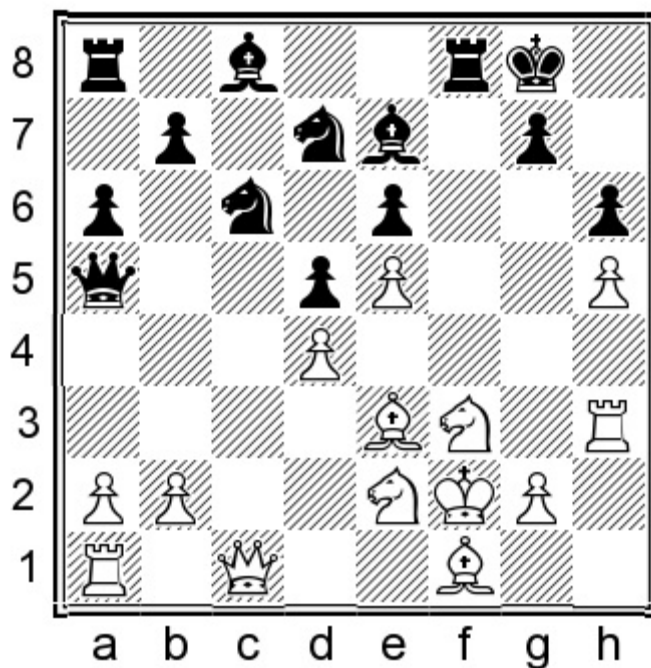
8...De2!? I optioned for a rare move, but apparently one of top engine choices at this point. I tried to catch my opponent of guard, assuming that he spent more time preparing the main lines that ensue after 8.Qe2 b5.

8...Qb6 9.Qc1 Qe7 10.c3 f6 11.h4!?

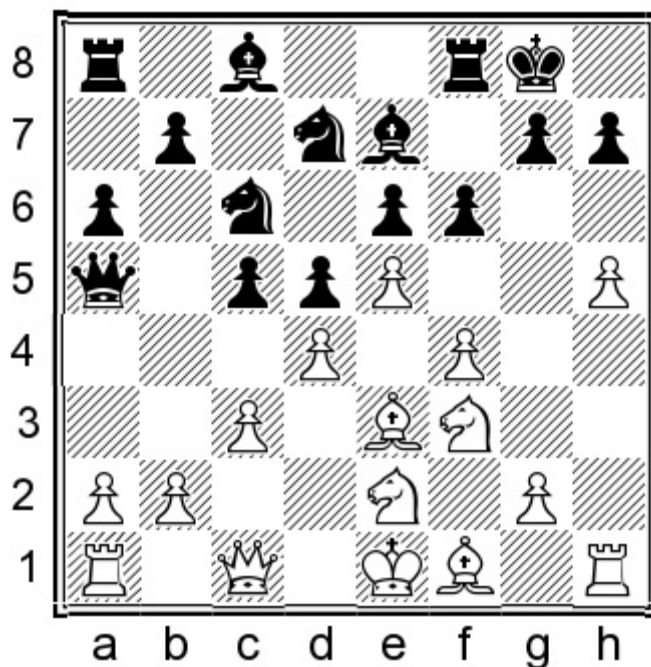
11.exf6!? was the alternative. However, I wanted to keep the tension on after the h4 push thus retaining greater winning chances. 11...Qxf6 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Qxc5 Qxc5 14.Qed4 So, Wesley 2792 - Bluebaum, Matthias 2633, Tbilisi (m/1) 2017 - 134/93

11...O-O 12.h5 Qa5?! After the game Vallejo told me that he mixed up the moves.

He should have played 12...h6 first. 13.Qh3 Qa5!, as in Aronian, Levon 2781 - Bluebaum, Matthias 2670, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021, with the point of making it impossible for White to safely transfer his king to g1. The correct response is 14.Qd2! (14.Qf2?! cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5! 16.fxe5



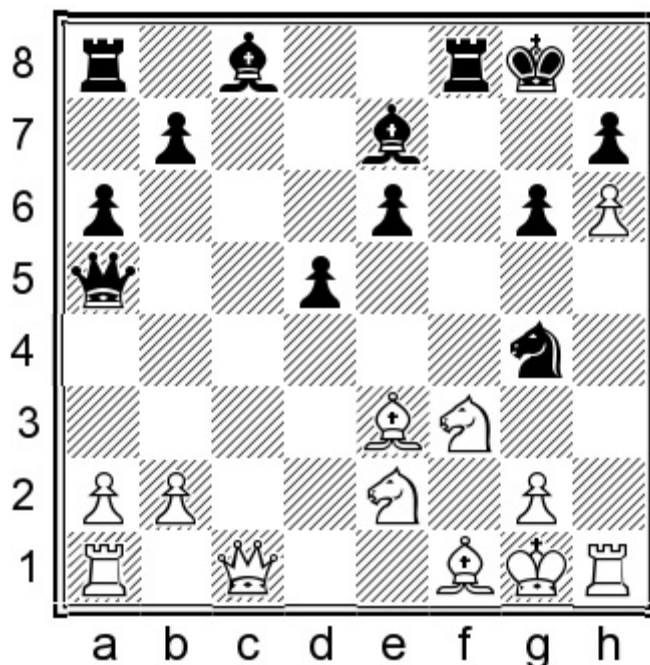
16...dxe5! 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.g1 d4 19.g3 e5 In comparison to the game, Black has excellent play for the sacrificed piece.) 14...d8 15.c2 I quite like the ensuing positions for White, as he retains decent chances to obtain some advantage. On the other hand, the computer evaluates the position as equal.



It is generally useful to insert the **13.h6!** move, since this pawn will be a great nuisance for the black king. In many situations a checkmate threat on g7 becomes possible as well.

13...g6 14.f2 If White manages to move his king to g1 he will have a safer king and clear advantage. Therefore, Vallejo sacrifices a piece hoping to complicate the play. However, after the sacrifice White secures a large advantage.

14...cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5 16.fxe5 ♖dxe5 17.dxe5 ♖xe5 18.♔g1 ♜g4

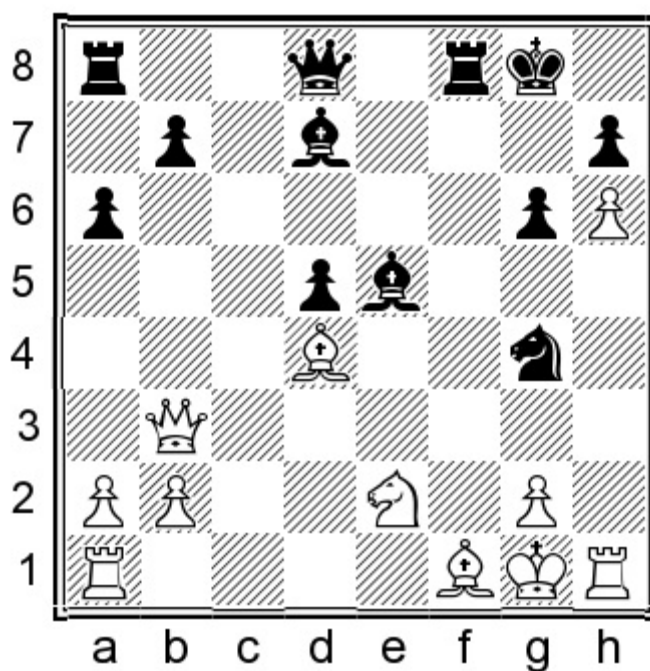


19.♙d4! White controls the important e5-point and preserves the most important piece for his king's protection. Objectively, Black is lost since he cannot justify the sacrifice he executed.

19...♙d7 20.♚e1 ♚d8 21.♚g3 e5 The last resort is to mud the waters, but to no avail.

22.♜xe5 ♙d6 23.♚b3! I had some alternative winning moves here, but I believe this to be the most practical one.

23...♙xe5



24.♙xe5!

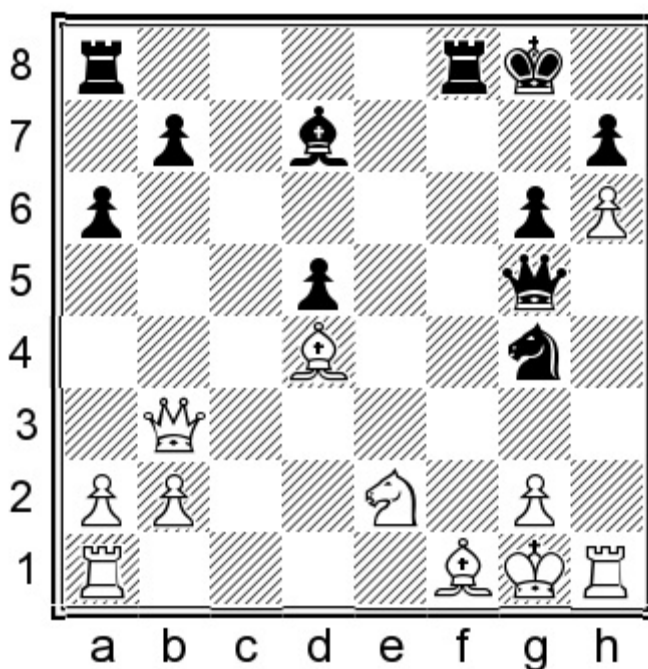
24. ♖xd5+?? ♜f7 25. ♙xe5 ♚g5! was Vallejo's trick, offering him a winning position.

24... ♚g5

24... ♘xe5 25. ♖xd5+ ♘f7 It was very important to notice the 26. ♖d4+- move. Now, Black cannot defend himself from the mating threat on g7. Also, the significance of the 13. h6! becomes obvious.

25. ♙d4

The position is now clearly winning for White. I only had to include the h1-rook in play!



25... ♜f7 26. ♖g3 ♜af8 27. ♜h4 ♚f5 28. ♜xg4 ♚xg4 29. ♖e5 ♜f6 30. ♘c3 ♙c6 31. ♘xd5 1-0

SOUTH AMERICANS IN THE WORLD CUP

The World Cup provided plenty of great chess, full of surprises, drama, novelties, combinations and everything else we can expect when the best chess players are back to the good old Classical Chess. Of course, the world is not yet what it used to be and it was possible to notice that quite a few surprises, both on and of the board. Some players that travelled to Krasnaya Polyana, near Sochi, and could not play (Aronian), while some players were forced to forfeit during the game (Megaranto), so it is easy to establish that we are still overcoming bigger problems than how to break the Gruenfeld.

The tournament was full of surprising results right from the start, but I guess some of the players were just so eager to play again after so much time, especially the younger ones, that they were simply full of energy and great ideas.

I will limit myself to the analysis of some of the games by South American players that participated in the World Cup, selecting a few key moments that caught my attention. They played good chess and some of them had the chance to face the elite players, something that is of great importance to improvement and confidence. We even had a real South American classic in the second round.

Let's start by examining some interesting games from the Brazilian players. I apologise if the article is a little biased, but they naturally were the ones I followed the most.

The first round match between Mekhitarian and Gonzalez Zamora was tense and decided only on tiebreaks after one victory to each player in the classical time control. Mekhitarian won and advanced to play against Mamedyarov. The first game was especially interesting. Krikor is very well prepared in the openings and got a great advantage, but the game was decided only after a blunder in a pretty drawish endgame.

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E90

Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2554) - Gonzalez Zamora, Juan Carlos (2545)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

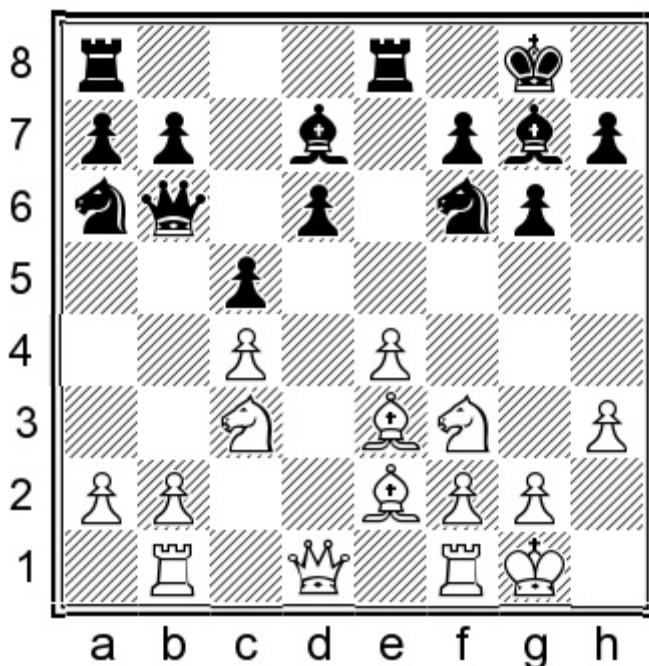
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘f3 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 O-O 6.h3 ♘a6 7.♗e3 c5

Of course playing with 7...e5 is in the heart of every King's Indian player, but I suspect Gonzalez Zamora wanted to avoid preparation.

8.d5 e6 9.dxe6!? An interesting idea, probably a home cooked one.

White avoids the typical Benoni resulting from a normal move like 9.♘d3 Fodor,Tamas jr 2520 - Ivanisevic,Ivan 2597, Magyarorszag 2019 - 140/198

9...♙xe6 10.♙e2 ♖e8 11.O-O ♜b6 12.♖b1 ♙d7 It is already difficult to recommend something for Black.



13.b4!N A very strong novelty and Black's position is already collapsing. It's curious that two very strong players failed to find this resource.

13.♘d2 ♜d8 (13...♘b4 14.a3 ♘c6 15.b4± Karpov,Anatoly 2616 - Ivanchuk, Vassily 2771, Cap d'Agde (m/5-rapid) 2012) 14.a3 ♘c7 15.♙d3 ♙c6 16.♘d5 ♘d7± Esipenko,Andrey 2497 - Kokarev,Dmitry 2651, Taganrog 2017

13...♘xb4! An interesting attempt to complicate, and clearly Black's best practical chance.

13...♘xe4 14.♘xe4 ♖xe4 15.bxc5+-

14.a3 a5 15.axb4 axb4 16.e5?! White tries to clarify the game, but it was better to play slower.

16.♙d3±;

16.♘d2! ♙c6 17.♘b5+-

16...dxe5 17.♘d5 ♜c6 18.♙xc5 ♜xc5 19.♘xf6+ ♙xf6 20.♜xd7 e4 Now Black has compensation.

21.♘d2

21.♘h2 ♔d4±

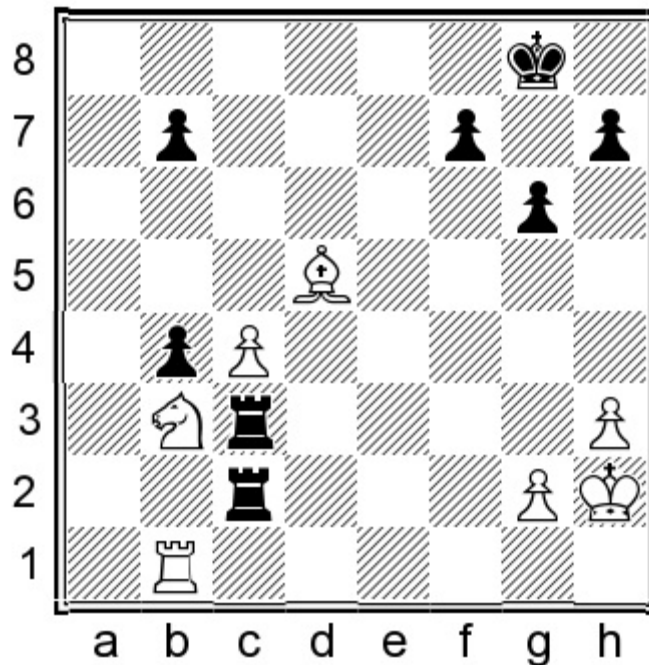
21...e3 22.♘b3 exf2+ 23.♖xf2 ♔e3! 24.♔d3 ♕h4

24...♕g5=

25.♔xe3 ♖xe3 26.♕f3 ♕xf2+ 27.♖xf2 ♖c3 28.♕d5 ♖a2+ 29.♖g1 ♖ac2

29...♖g7=

30.♖h2

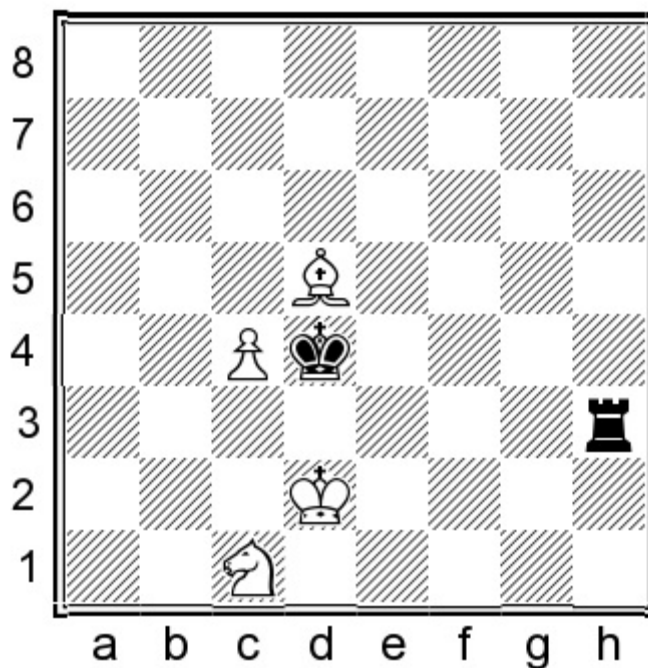


30...♖g7

30...♖a2!=

31.♘d4 ♖d2 32.♘f3 ♖dd3 33.♖xb4 ♖b3 34.♖xb7 ♖xb7 35.♕xb7 ♖c3 36.♕d5± No we arrive to the endgame position that should be a draw. The evaluation remained unchanged for many moves. Let's fast forward to the critical moment.

36...f5 37.♖g1 ♖f6 38.♖f2 g5 39.g4 fxg4 40.hxg4 h5 41.gxh5 g4 42.♘d2 ♖h3 43.♘e4+ ♖e5 44.♘g3 ♖f4 45.♘e2+ ♖e5 46.♕g2 ♖xh5 47.♖g3 ♖d6 48.♘f4 ♖a5 49.♖xg4 ♖a3 50.♕d5 ♖c3 51.♘g6 ♖e3 52.♖f4 ♖e1 53.♖f3 ♖e8 54.♘f4 ♖e5 55.♘e2 ♖d8 56.♕e4 ♖d2 57.♘c1 ♖h2 58.♕d5 ♖h3+ 59.♖e2 ♖d4 60.♖d2



60...♔c5

Here Black had the chance to force an immediate draw, using the good old stalemate trick. 60...♖d3+! 61.♕e1 (61.♘xd3 is a stalemate.) 61...♞a3= White will be unable to stop Black's rook from capturing the pawn.

61.♕c2 ♞h5? The position was still drawn, as long as Black's rook was kept on the 3rd rank. Now White manages to bring the king to the game.

61...♞g3=

62.♘d3+ ♕d4 63.♘f4+- ♞f5 64.♘e6+ ♕e5 65.♕c3 - and White is winning.

65...♞f1 66.♘c5 ♞c1+ 67.♕b4 ♞d1 68.♞e4 ♞d8 69.♞c6 ♞d1 70.♘b3 ♕d6 71.♞f3 ♞d3 72.c5+ ♕c7 73.♞e4 ♞e3 74.♞d5 ♞e5 75.♕c4 ♞e1 76.♞f3 ♞f1 77.♘d4 ♞c1+ 78.♕d5 ♞b1 79.♘e6+ ♕d7 80.c6+ ♕c8 81.♕d6 ♞f1 82.♘d4 ♞c1 83.♞g4+ ♕b8 84.♘b5 ♞c4 85.♞e6 ♞c1 86.♞d5 ♞c2 87.c7+ 1-0

Brazilian Julia Alboreda played the first match against a much higher opponent. She managed to put up a good fight, although eventually she lost the match. The opening game was interesting for the theory of the Classical Sicilian Variation.



Krikor Sevag Mekhitarian vs Juan Carlos González Zamora, FIDE World Cup 2021; Photo by Eric Rosen

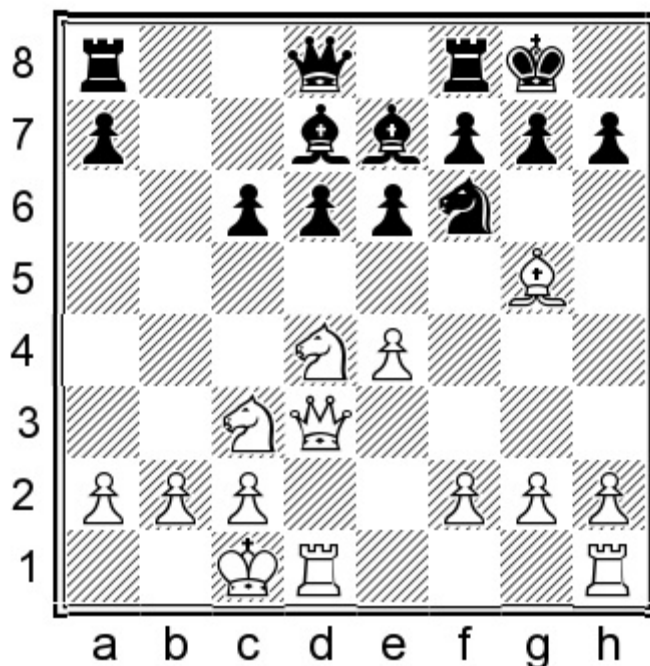
B62
Zawadzka, Jolanta (2403) - Alboredo, Julia (2182)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♙g5 e6 7.♙b5!? ♙d7 8.♚d3!?

A modern idea that was played recently by Giri, among others. This is quite dangerous if Black doesn't know how to react.

8...♙e7 9.O-O-O ♚c7?! I don't like this move since it does not look very useful.

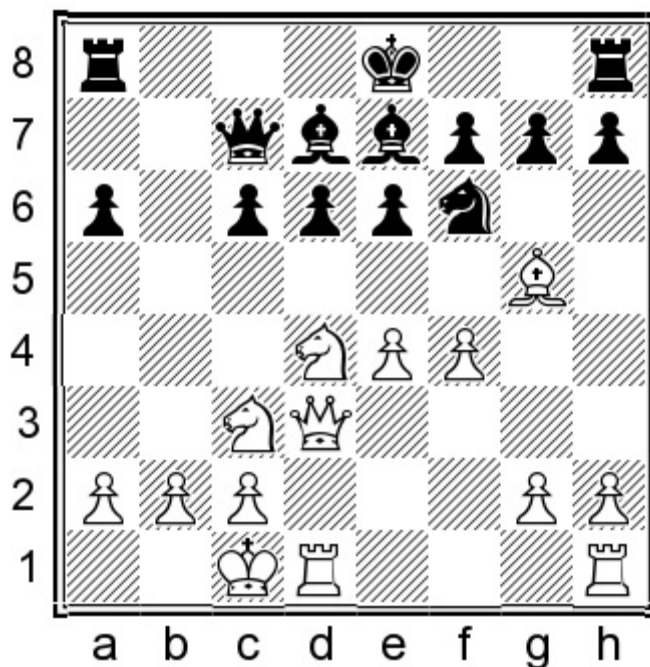
I will propose to fight this sideline with a typical Sicilian reaction: 9...O-O 10.♙xc6! bxc6



11.♘b3! This is the point. 11...d5 12.e5 ♘g4 13.♙xe7 ♚xe7 14.♚d4± and White had a small advantage in Giri,Anish 2764 - Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2784, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2020

9...h6 10.♙h4 ♘e5!? 11.♚e2 (11.♚h3 is interesting, avoiding g5. 11...O-ON (11...a6) 12.f4 ♘g6 13.♙xf6 (13.♙xd7 ♚xd7 14.♙g3 ♜ac8 15.f5 ♜xc3! 16.bxc3 (16.fxg6 ♜c4±) 16...♘e5 17.fxe6 ♚a4↑) 13...♙xf6 14.f5 ♘f4 15.♚f3 with a complicated fight, but Black is not worse. 15...♙xb5 (15...♜c8 16.♙xd7 ♚xd7∞ Dragnev,Valentin 2553 - Anton Guijarro,David 2688, Deutschland 2020) 16.♘dxb5 ♙e5 17.g3 ♘h3) 11...g5! (11...O-O 12.f4∞ Sadhwani, Raunak 2522 - Durarbayli,Vasif 2625, Moscow 2020 - 143/54; 11...a6) 12.♙g3 a6 13.♙xd7+ ♘fxd7∞ And here we have a typical Sicilian fight.

10.f4 a6 11.♙xc6 bxc6



12.♘b3N

12.♘f3N d5 13.f5 h6 14.♙xf6 ♙xf6 15.♖he1 O-O∞ Perunovic,Milos 2567 - Vatsal Singhanian 2371, Beograd 2021

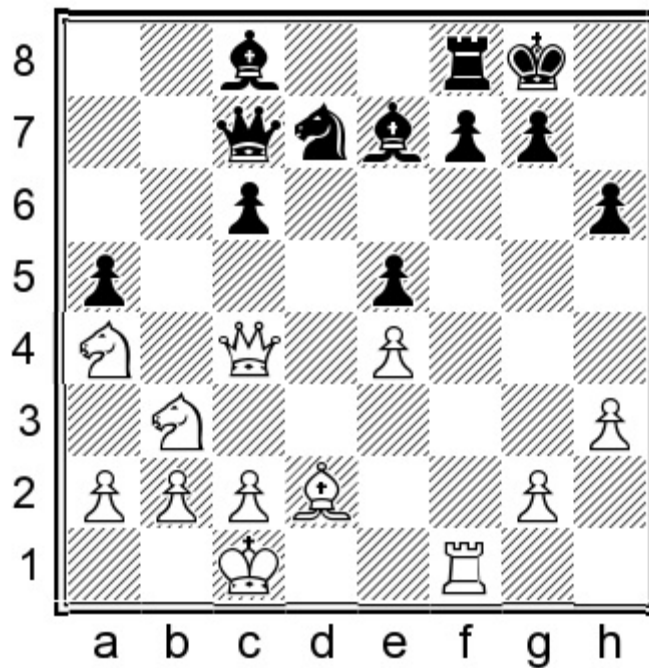
12.♖he1! Simple and good. 12...h6 13.♙h4 g5 (13...e5 14.♘f5 ♙xf5 15.exf5±) 14.fxg5 ♘g4 15.♘f3! (15.♚d2± Yoo,Christopher Woojin 2455 - Krush,Irina 2429, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 15...♘e5 16.♘xe5 dxe5 17.♚d2 ♖g8 18.♖f1 hxg5 19.♙g3 ♖d8 20.♚e2±

12...e5 13.♖hf1 h6 14.fxe5?!

14.♙xf6 gxf6± (14...♙xf6 15.♚xd6 ♚xd6 16.♖xd6 exf4 17.♘c5±)

14...dxe5 15.♙e3 ♙g4= Now Black's position is OK.

16.♖d2 a5 17.♘c5 ♖d8 18.♚c4 ♖xd2 19.♙xd2 O-O 20.h3 ♙c8 21.♘3a4 ♘d7 22.♘b3



22...c5!?

22...♚a7∞

23.♘xa5 ♘b6 24.♘xb6 ♚xb6∞ 25.♚c3 ♚g6

25...♙e6∞; 25...♖d8∞

26.♚f3 f5

26...♙a6∞

27.exf5 ♖xf5?!

27...♙xf5

28.♞e2± Now White is much better.

28...♙a6 29.♘c4 ♜xf1+ 30.♞xf1 ♞e4 31.b3 ♞d4 32.c3 ♞d5 33.♘e3 ♞c6 34.c4+- ♙g5 35.♞f2 e4 36.♘d5 ♞g6 37.h4 ♙xd2+ 38.♙xd2 ♞d6 39.♞f4 ♞d8 40.♞xe4 ♙b7 41.♙c2 ♙h8 42.a4 ♞f8 43.♞f3 ♞d8 44.g3 ♞e8 45.♞e3 ♞g6+ 46.♙b2 ♙xd5 47.cxd5 ♞f6+ 48.♙a2 ♞g6 49.♞xc5 ♞xg3 50.d6 ♞g2+ 51.♙a3 ♞f1 52.d7 ♞a1+ 53.♙b4 ♞e1+ 54.♙b5 ♞e2+ 55.♙b6 ♞e6+ 56.♙c7 1-0

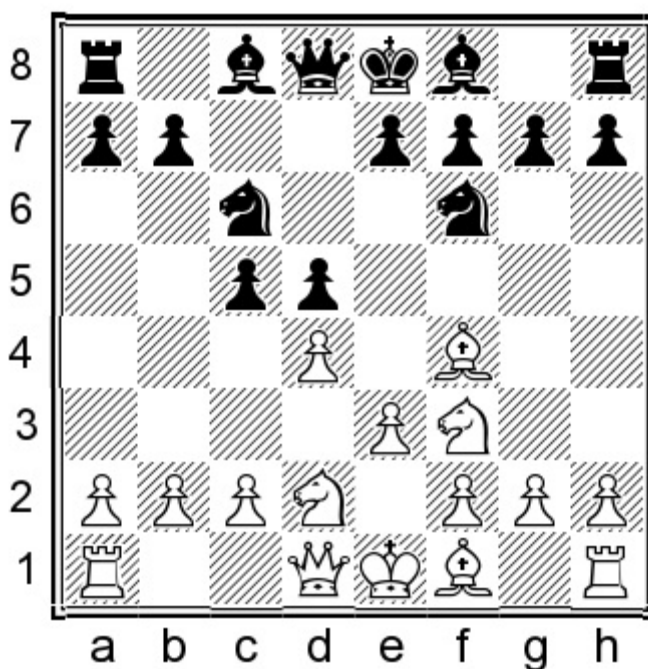
The match Fier vs. Pechac was very interesting to watch. Both are ambitious players and came very well prepared. The real action took place in the tiebreaks. Let's examine 2 games that had important opening discussions.

D02

Pechac, Jergus (2523) - Fier, Alexandr (2569)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid), 2021

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♙f4 The "good old days" of the London System being played for a solid position and a desire to make a draw are long gone. Now everybody seems to play it and, most incredibly, they play it for a win. Sacrifices included.

3...c5 4.e3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2



5...♞b6!? Fier is nicknamed "No Fear" for a reason. He goes for the most uncompromising line.

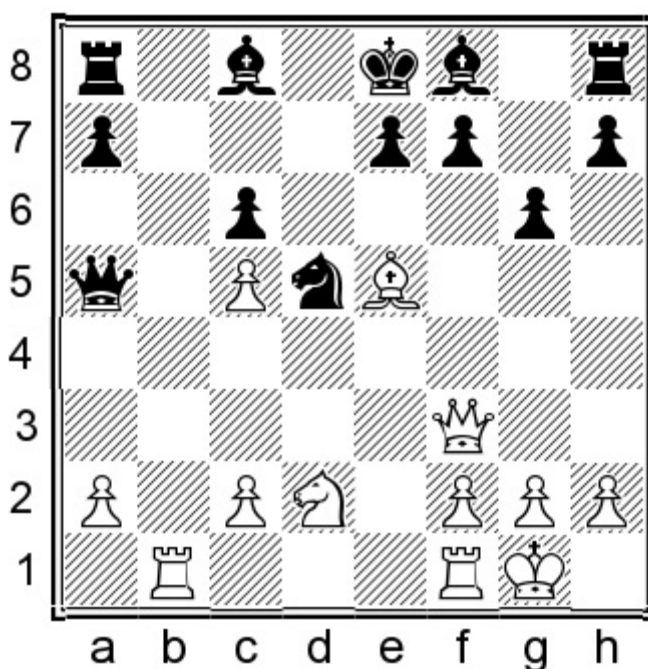
6.dxc5 ♞xb2 7.♞b1 ♞c3 8.♙b5 g6

8...e6 9.O-O ♙e7 is also played, but it seems that White has a strong initiative here, Firouzja,Alireza 2759 - So,Wesley 2770, chess24. com (Int.-rapid) 2021 - 148/128

9.e4!? dxe4 10.♙e5 ♞a5 11.O-O! Who could tell 10 years ago that the development of the London System would come to this.

11...exf3 12.♙xc6+ bxc6 13.♚xf3 Of course, White has very decent compensation, but obviously Fier's preparation was not over yet.

13...♘d5

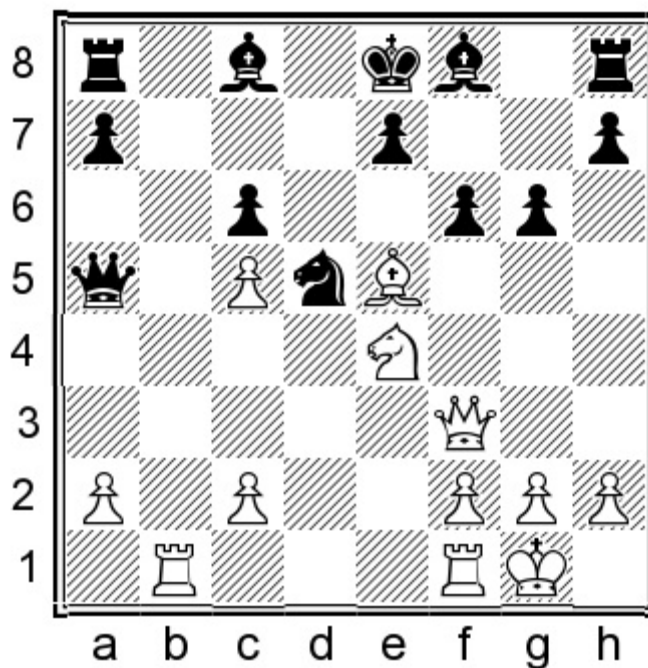


14.♘e4!N A very interesting novelty and a big blow for a rapid game. Those are the problems for fearless pawn seekers in the opening.

14.♙xh8 While I was writing this article I noticed a game being played live in this position between two elite players. It seemed to me that Black was fine, but White won. **14...♚xd2 15.c4 f6 16.♖fe1N** (16.cxd5N ♚xd5 17.♚c3 ♔f7∞ Mostbauer,Florian 2274 - Leisch,Lukas 2401, Oesterreich (ch-rapid) 2021; 16.♖fd1) **16...♔f7 17.cxd5 ♚xd5 18.♚e3 ♙f5 19.♖bd1 ♚xa2 20.h3 h5 21.♚f3** white eventually won in Le,Quang Liem 2709 - So,Wesley 2772, chess24.com (Int. -m2/1-rapid) 2021

14...f6 The most natural move.

14...♖g8 is just impossible for a human to play. **15.c4 f5! 16.♘g3 ♚xc5 17.cxd5 ♚xd5 18.♚e3∞**



15. ♖xf6+! This is the point.

15...exf6 16. ♕xf6↑ Defending this in a rapid game is no piece of cake and it is not surprising that Black quickly goes wrong.

16...♔a4?

16...♖g8? Of course, this is too slow. **17. ♖fe1+-;**

16...♕e7 17. ♕xh8 ♖xc5 This is the critical test. **18. ♖fe1 ♕f5 19. ♔g3 ♖f7 20. ♖e5=**

17. ♕xh8 ♖f4 18. ♖e2+ ♖f7 Black is lost here but the right way is not easy to find, especially in a tense rapid game. Pechac would clinch the match with a victory.

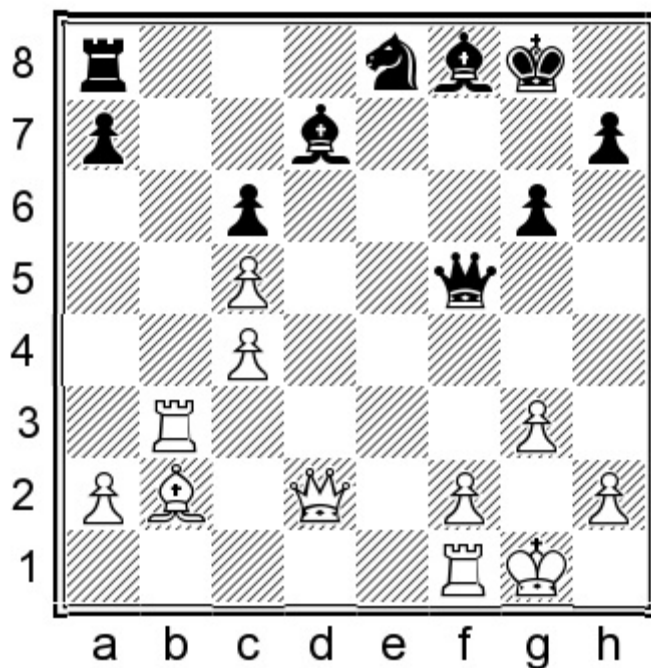
19. ♖b3

19. ♖fe1! ♖g8 20. ♕e5 ♖f7 21. ♕a1!+- The threat of a possible Qe5 is too hard to defend.

19...♖g8 20. ♕b2 ♕d7 21. g3 ♖f5 22. c4 ♖c7

22...♖f6 23. ♖f3 ♖e4 24. ♖e3 ♖f5±

23. ♖d2 ♖e8



24.♖e3?!

24.♖e1!↑ and White has a winning initiative.

24...♔f7 25.♖fe1 ♜g7 Now Black is in the game.

26.♔d4 ♖e8

26...h5

27.♔g2

27.♖xe8 ♗xe8 28.♖e3±

27...♖xe3 28.♖xe3 ♗e6 29.♖e4 ♗f5 30.♖e1 ♗e6 31.♖e4 g5 32.h4 h6 33.♔g1 ♔f5 34.♖e5 ♔b1+ 35.♔h2 gxf4 36.♖xe6 hxf3+ 37.fxf3 ♔c2+ 38.♔h1 ♔b1+ 39.♔g2 1/2-1/2

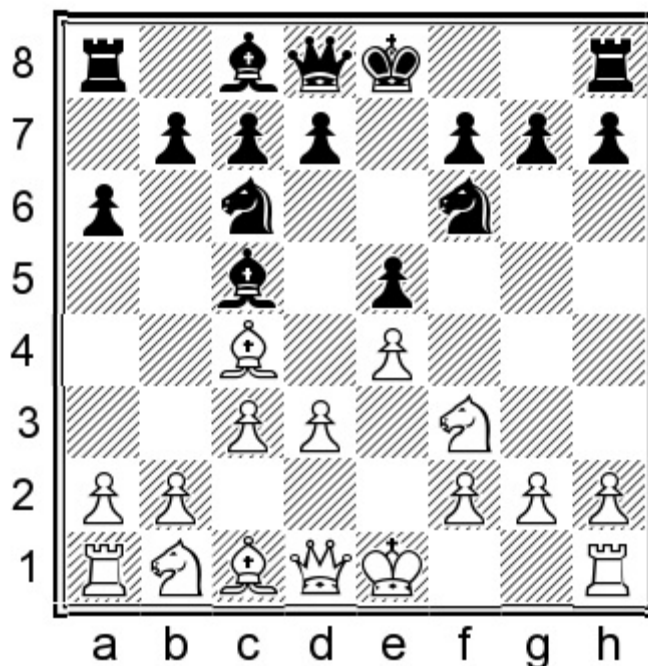
The first decisive game of the match continued the discussion both players were having in the Italian Opening. This game had its share of creative ideas.



Alexandr Fier, FIDE World Cup 2021; Photo by Anastasia Korolkova

C54
Fier, Alexandr (2569) - Pechac, Jergus (2523)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/5-rapid), 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♗f6 4.d3 ♙c5 5.c3 a6



6.♘g5!? This is the line Fier prepared for the match. These days the Bg5 pin is tried in different positions of the Italian. It feels like a provocation: White invites Black to play with h6, g5, hoping for a counter-attack.

6...h6 7.♘h4 Black can play it safe and come back with the bishop to e7, but Pechac accepts the challenge.

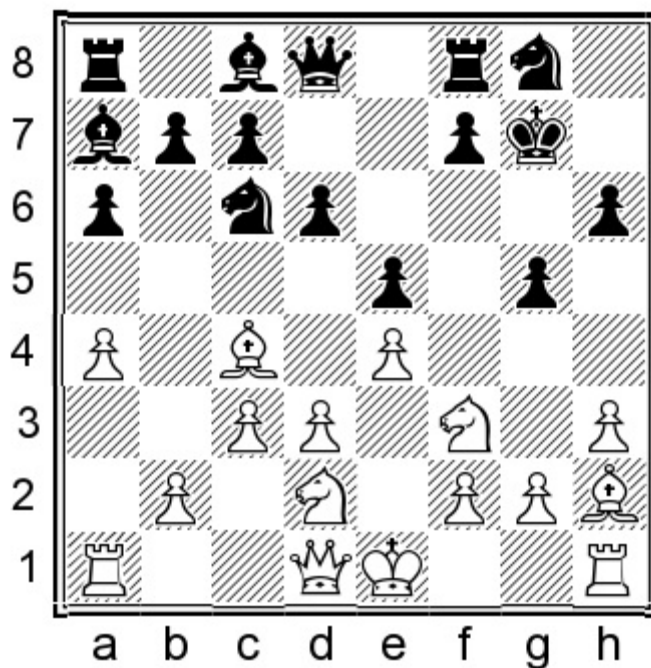
7...♘a7 8.♘bd2 d6 9.a4 g5

9...♙e7 This was Carlsen's choice in a recent online game. **10.O-O ♘e6** So, Wesley 2770 - Carlsen, Magnus 2847, chess24.com (Int.-m2/1-rapid) 2021

10.♘g3 O-O

10...♙e7 11.O-O ♘d7!? with the idea of Nf8-g6 was played in Demchenko, Anton 2599 - Anton Guijarro, David 2673, tornelo.com (Int.-m/5-blitz-Armageddon) 2021

11.h3 ♔g7 12.♘h2 ♘g8 Both players were playing very fast up to this point. Now came a move that is not exactly a novelty, but a sort of strange idea, played in a correspondence game. This probably came as a surprise.



13.g4!? White avoids f5 once and for all. A very interesting plan that paid dividends: after a few natural moves Black was in big trouble.

13...♘g7 14.a5 d5?N This is very tempting and I suggested this during my live transmission. But it was better to delay this, as shown in the original game.

14...♖b8 15.♘f1 d5 16.exd5∞ and it ended in a draw in 1/2 : 1/2 Evans,David - Pinchon, Francois, corr 2017

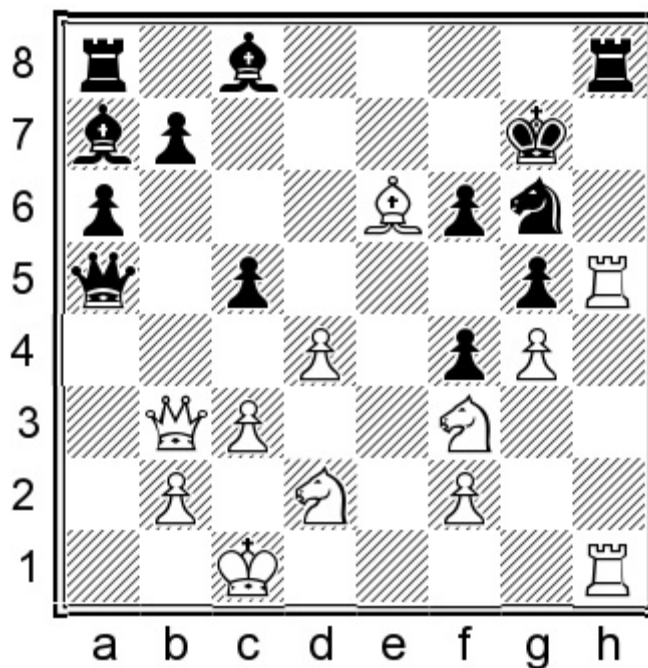
15.exd5 ♘xd5 16.♚b3! Fier kept blitzing his moves and he got what he wanted.

16...♘f4 17.♙xf4 exf4 18.d4± White wants to push h4 and bring the pieces to the kingside. Black's position is very difficult.

18...♘e7? 19.h4! f6 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.♙e6

21.♙d3 ♖h8 22.O-O-O+-

21...c5 22.O-O-O ♚xa5 23.♖h5! ♘g6 24.♖dh1 ♖h8



25.♔g8!!+- A nice finishing touch.

25...c4

25...♖xh5 26.♕f7+ ♔h8 27.♖xh5#;

25...♖xg8 26.♖h7+ ♔f8 27.♕f7#

26.♕xc4 ♔e6 27.♔xe6 1-0

The next game was drawn after a big fight and Fier qualified to the second round.

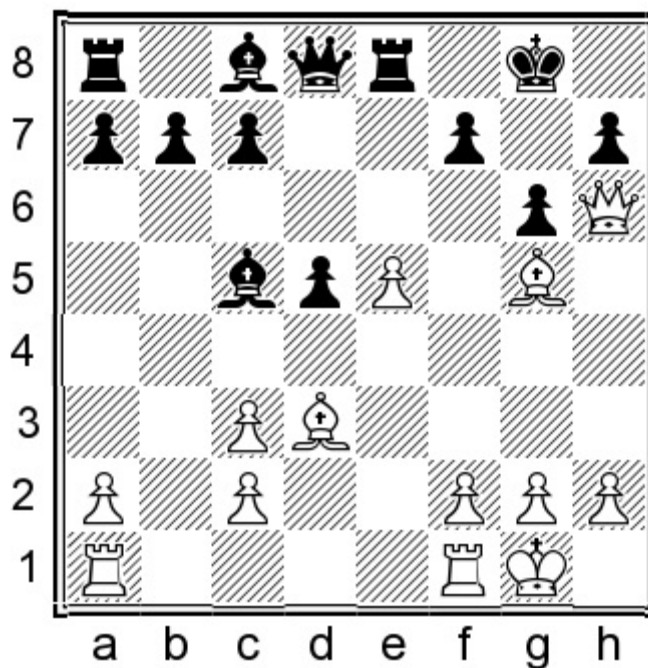
Fier and Vidit are both opening specialists and provided some interesting discussions. Let's see two games from their match.

C43

Fier, Alexandr (2569) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2726)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 Vidit goes for the Petroff. He is a very aggressive and entertaining player, but in a match it is good to be solid with Black.

3.d4 ♘xe4 4.♙d3 d5 5.♘xe5 ♘d7 6.♘c3 ♘xe5 7.dxe5 ♘xc3 8.bxc3 ♙c5 9.O-O O-O 10.♕h5 g6
 11.♕h6 ♖e8 12.♙g5



12...Qf8!N A very good novelty.

12...Qe7 Black faces some problems after this move. 13.Qxe7 Qxe7 14.f4± Asadli,Vugar 2572 - Mamedov,Nidjat 2609, Azerbaijan 2021

13.Qxd8

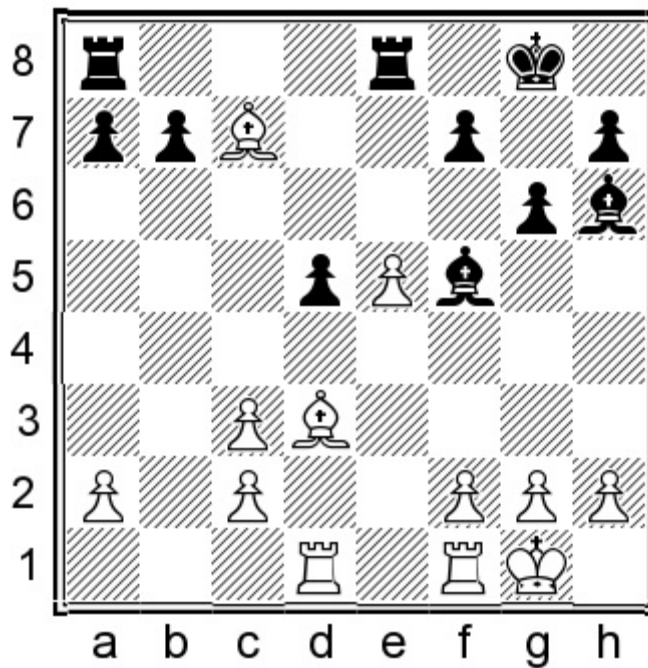
13.Qh4 Qe7=

13...Qxh6 14.Qxc7 Qf5!

14...Qd7 15.Bab1 b6 16.Qa6 Qc6 17.Qd6 Qf4 18.c4 d4 19.Bfe1 f6 20.c5 Qxe5 21.Bed1 Qf7 22.Qxe5 fxe5 23.cxb6 axb6 24.Bxb6 Qd5 25.c3 1/2 : 1/2 Konstantinov,Maxim - Murden,Clive, corr 2020/21

15.Bab1

15.Bad1



15...♙xd3! (15...♖ac8 16.♙b5!; 15...♞ec8 16.♙d6 ♞xc3 17.♙xf5 gxf5 18.♖xd5 ♞xc2±) 16.♖xd3 ♖ac8 17.♙d6 ♙f8!= with a probable draw.

15.♞fd1 ♙xd3 16.♖xd3 ♖ac8 17.♙d6 ♙f8!

15...♖ac8

15...♙xd3 Is enough for a draw. 16.cxd3 ♖ac8 17.♙d6 b6 18.♖b5 ♞xc3 19.♖xd5 ♞d8!= followed by Bf8

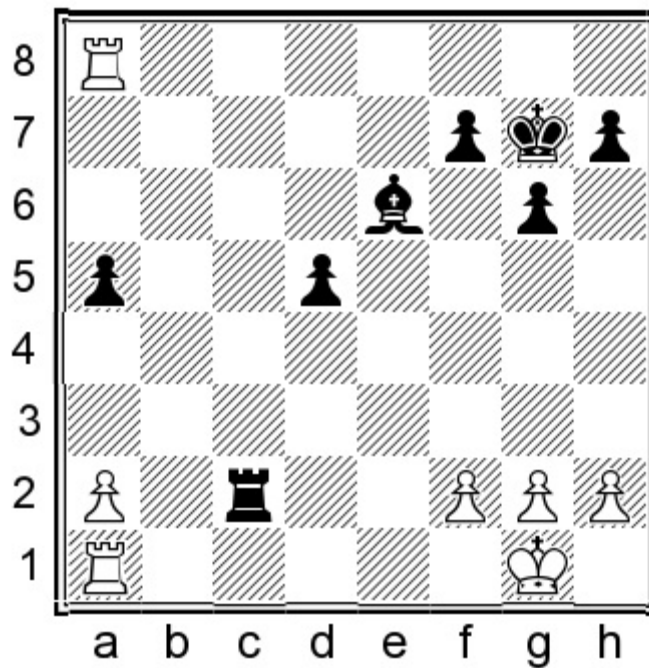
16.♙b5! ♞e6 17.♙d6 ♞xc3 18.♙d7 ♖xd6?!

18...b6! was more precise. 19.♙xe6 fxe6 and Black has a solid compensation.

19.exd6 ♙xd7 20.♖xb7 ♙e6 21.d7 ♙g5 22.♖b8+ ♙g7 23.d8=♚ ♙xd8 24.♖xd8 ♞xc2 25.♖a1 Now White can try to press a little bit.

25...a5 26.♖a8 After this move it is a draw.

26.a4!±



26...d4! 27.♖d1 ♜xa2 28.f3 a4 29.♞xd4 ♜a1+ 30.♔f2 a3 31.♞da4 1/2-1/2

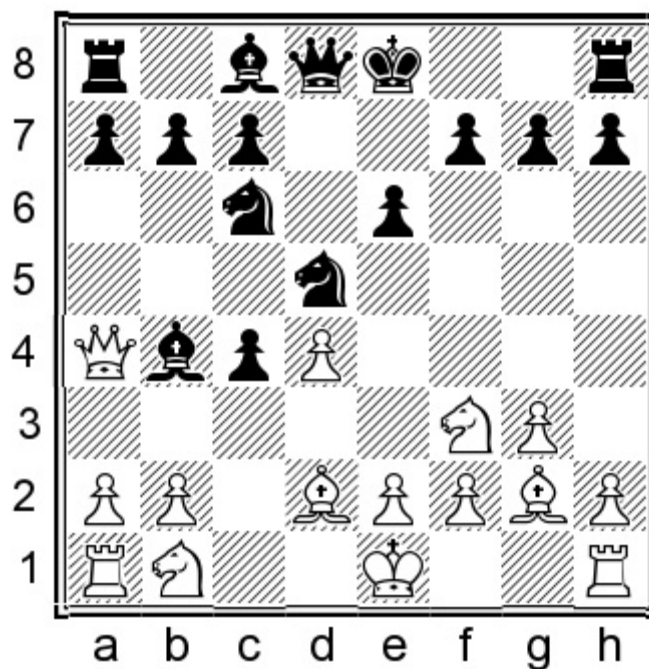
The decisive game of the match featured a theoretical duel in the Catalan.

E04

Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2726) - Fier, Alexandr (2569)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid), 2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♙g2 ♘c6 6.♙a4 ♙b4+ 7.♙d2 ♘d5



8.♙c2!? A rare move.

8.♙xb4 ♘xb4 9.O-O ♜b8 10.♘a3 O-O 11.♙b5 b6 12.♙xc4 ♙a6 13.♘b5 ♙d5 14.♙xd5 ♘xd5 15.a4

♖a5 and Black held. This is a very well known position, Lysyj,Igor 2643 - Harutyunyan,Tigran K 2515, Moscow 2017 - 131/166

8...b5 True to his style, Fier goes for the most dynamic option.

8...♘b6 was played in Eljanov,Pavel 2703 - Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag 2546, Douglas 2018

9.a4 ♕xd2+ 10.♘bxd2 ♘cb4 11.♚c1 c6 12.b3 c3

12...cxb3 13.♘xb3 O-O 14.O-O a5= Korogodski,Leonid - Dillenburg, Alberto, corr 2018

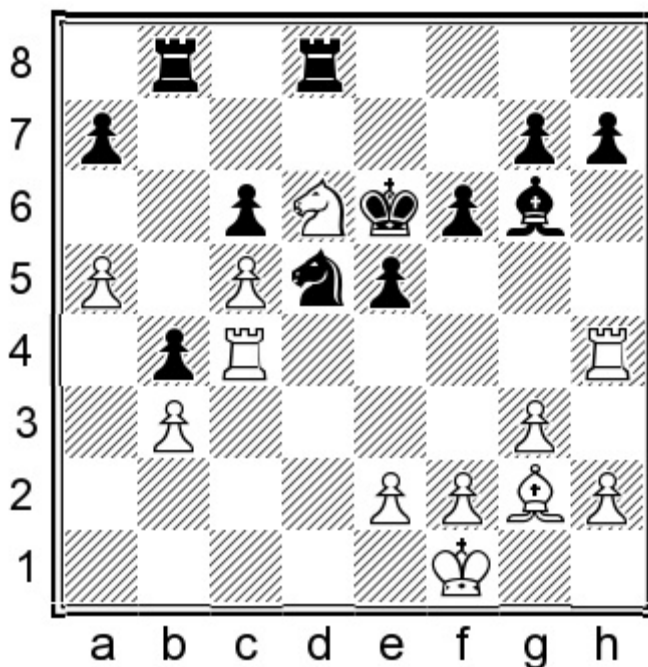
13.♘e4 c2N

13...bxa4 Shankland decided to capture first, maybe to avoid White's next move. 14.♖xa4 c2N (14...a5) 15.♚d2 O-O 16.O-O a5 17.♖c1 ♕a6∞ Wojtaszek,Radoslaw 2687 - Shankland,Samuel 2691, Praha 2021

14.a5!? A somewhat surprising move. White wants to avoid a7-a5 once and for all. Objectively Black's position is ok, but it is not easy to play. White has a clear plan: Nc5, e4, and capture the c2-pawn.

14...O-O 15.♚d2 ♚e7 16.O-O ♖d8 17.♘c5 ♘a6 18.♚xc2 ♘xc5 19.♚xc5 ♚xc5 20.dxc5± White has a slight advantage in this endgame and won after some more adventures.

20...♙d7 21.♖fd1 ♙e8 22.♔f1 ♔f8 23.♘g5 ♔e7?! 24.♘e4 f6 25.♘d6 ♙g6 26.♖ac1 ♖ab8 27.♖d4 b4 28.♖cc4 e5 29.♖h4 ♔e6



30.a6?!

30.♙h3+

30...♙b1

30...♖c7!

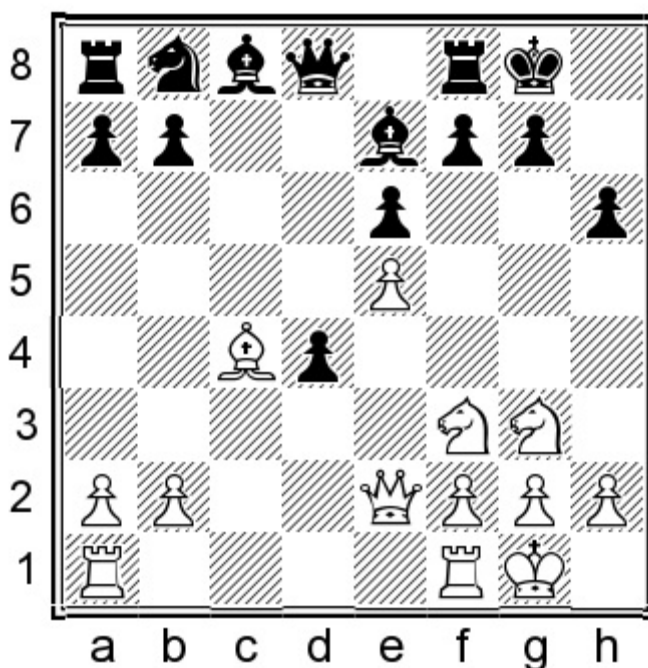
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Krikor's second match was against the legend, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov. I wonder whether Shakh knows that he has so many fans in Brazil. The audience loves his games due to his enterprising style. But the match was calmer than we anticipated and Krikor managed to avoid any attacks in the first game. He certainly regretted not using the chances he had in this game.

D39

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782) - Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2554)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♙b4 5.♙g5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.♙xf6 ♞xf6 8.♙xc4 c5 9.e5 ♞d8 10.O-O cxd4 11.♘e4 O-O 12.♞e2 ♙e7 13.♘g3



A rare move.

More common are 13.♞fd1 or 13.♞ad1 Aronian,Levon 2794 - Caruana,Fabiano 2784, Berlin (ct) 2018 - 136/138

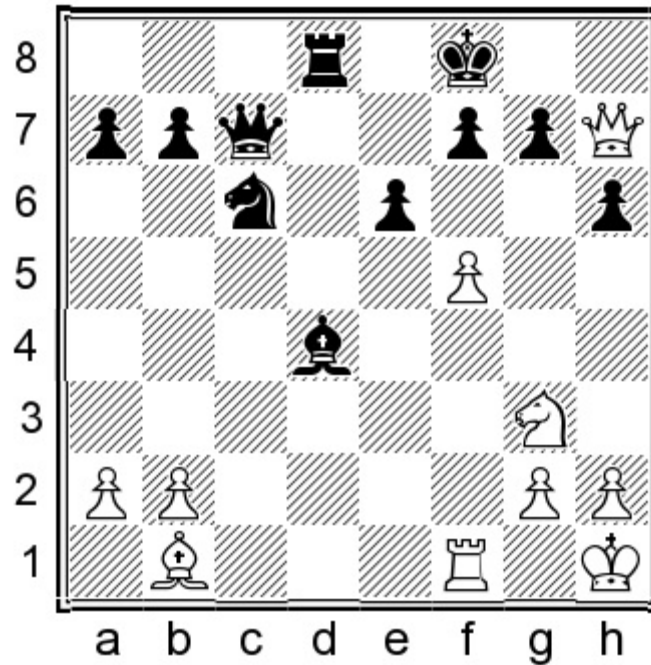
13...♙d7N This natural move is a novelty.

13...b5N 14.♙xb5 ♙b7 15.♞fd1 ♞b6 16.♘xd4 ♞d8 17.♘b3 ♘c6= Babujian,Levon 2455 - Sargsyan,Shant 2596, Armenia (ch) 2021; 13...♘c6

14.♞ad1 ♞c7 15.♙d3 ♙c6 16.♘xd4 ♞d8 17.♙b1 ♘d7 18.f4 ♙c5 Something went wrong for White in the opening. Black's position is already very good.

19.♔h1 ♕xd4! I like this human reaction, even though the computer is not afraid of winning a pawn.

19...♘xe5 20.♘xc6 ♘xc6 21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♙c2 ♕d4 23.♙h7+ ♔f8 24.f5



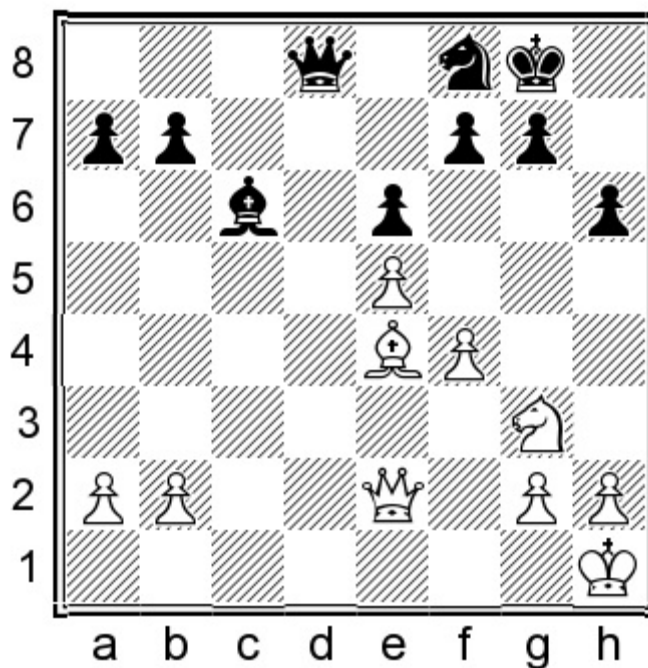
But I wonder who would be calm here against Shakh? Only the computer, of course. 24...♔e7!⚡

20.♖xd4 ♘f8 21.♖fd1 ♖xd4 22.♖xd4 ♖d8⚡ White has more weaknesses and Black's bishop is very strong.

23.♖xd8?!

23.♙d2 ♖xd4 24.♙xd4 ♙a5⚡

23...♙xd8 24.♕e4 Here Krikor let a golden chance slip.



24...♙xe4?!

24...♘g6! would win a pawn, securing good chances to win the game. 25.♙xc6 (25.♙xg6 fxg6 is sad for White.) 25...bxc6 26.f5 exf5 (26...♘xe5 27.fxe6 fxe6 28.h3) 27.e6 (27.♘xf5 ♖a5-+) 27...♙d5 28.exf7+ ♔xf7

25.♘xe4 ♙d4 26.g3 And White managed to equalise.

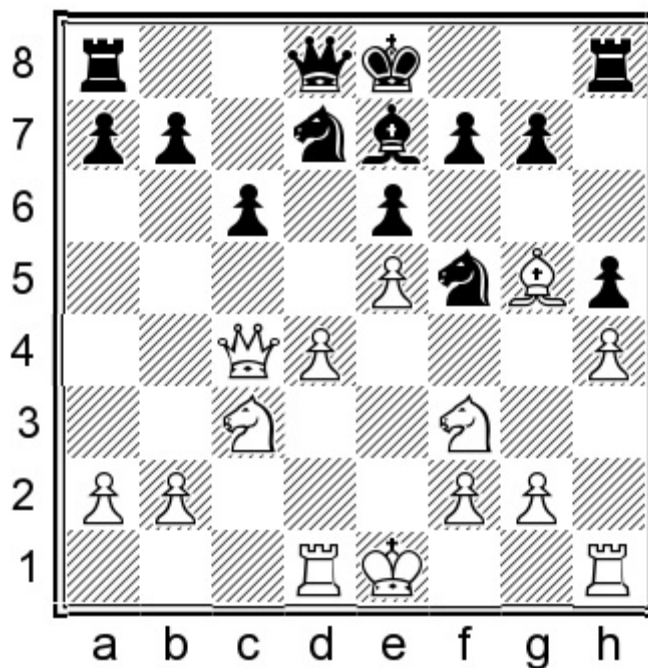
26...♘d7 27.b3 ♘c5 28.♘f2 ♔f8 29.♔g2 ♔e7 30.h4 g6 31.h5 gxh5 32.♙xh5 ♘e4 33.♘xe4 ♙xe4+ 34.♙f3 ♙c2+ 35.♙f2 ♙e4+ 36.♔h2 b6 37.♙g2 ♙d3 38.♔h3 ♙f5+ 39.♔h4 ♙b1 40.g4 ♔f8 41.♙f2 1/2-1/2

Mamedyarov would go on to win the match on tiebreaks.

We had a classical match between two of the best South American players in the second round. It was very hard fought, with the players exchanging wins until Cori went through. He is such a talented player and could certainly be on the elite level. Probably his weakest point is opening knowledge. Mareco exploited this to open the score in the first game.

B12
Mareco, Sandro (2629) - Cori Tello, Jorge (2652)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♙f5 4.h4 h5 5.♙d3 ♙xd3 6.♙xd3 e6 7.♙g5 ♙e7 8.♘f3 ♘h6 9.c4 dxc4 10.♙xc4 ♘f5 11.♘c3 ♘d7 12.♙d1

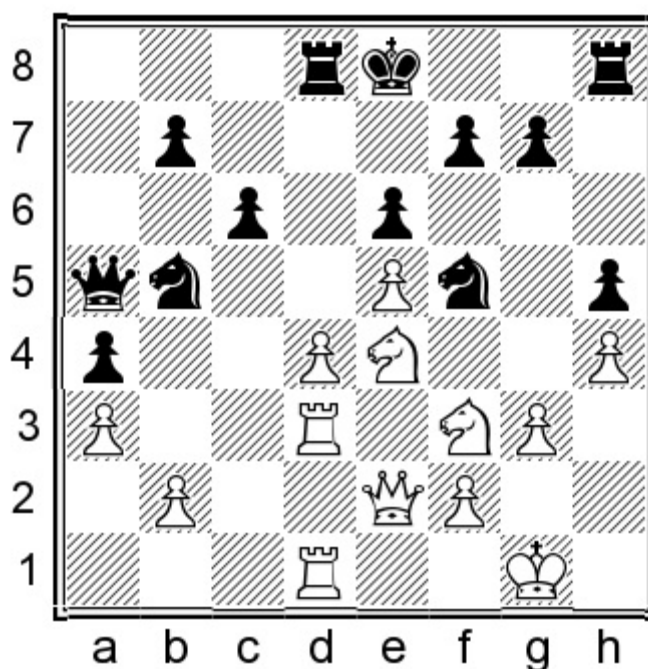


12...a5 A novelty, but it does not look very impressive.

12...♖b6 13.♙b3 (13.♙d3 O-O 14.g3 ♘d5 15.♙xe7 ♙xe7 16.O-O∞ Buss,Michael - Thomas,Tim, corr 2019) 13...O-O 14.g3 ♘d5 Cornette, Deimante 2433 - Rodshtein,Maxim 2699, France 2019

13.♘e4 ♘b6 14.♙e2 ♘d5 15.O-O a4 16.a3 ♙a5 17.g3± Black's position is unpleasant because he has no safe place for the king.

17...♙xg5 18.♘fxg5 ♖d8 19.♖d3 ♘c7 20.♗fd1 ♘b5 21.♘f3



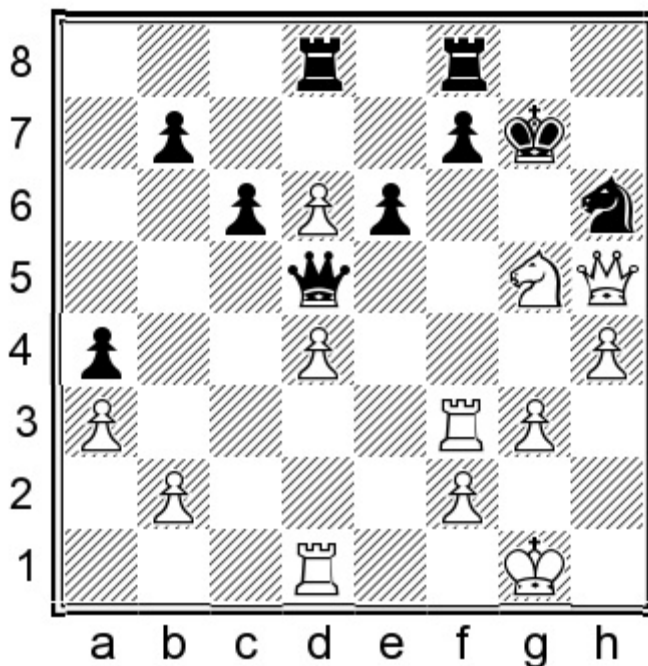
21...O-O? This loses. White's pieces are ready for a killer assault.

22.♘fg5 g6 23.♘f6+ ♔g7

23...♔h8 24.g4 ♖bxd4 25.♗xd4 ♘xd4 26.♕e3+-

24.♘h5+! gxh5 25.♗xh5 ♘h6 26.♗f3! There is no defence against Rf6.

26...♘d6 27.exd6 ♗d5



28.♗f6! ♔xf6 29.♗xh6+ ♔f5 30.f3 ♗h8 31.g4+ 1-0

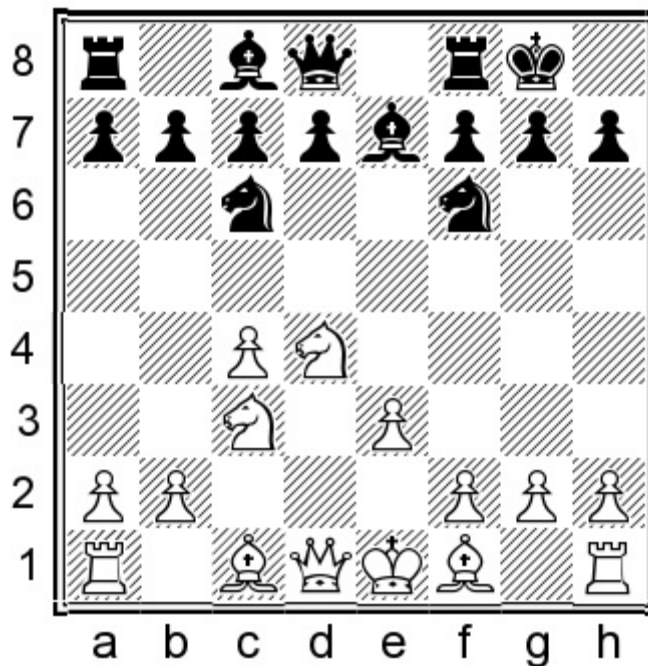
Twice Cori had to win on demand to level the match. The second game of the tiebreaks was very characteristic of his style.

A28
Cori Tello, Jorge (2652) - Mareco, Sandro (2629)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid), 2021

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.e3 ♗e7

4...♗b4 is the main move Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2792 - So,Wesley 2770, chess24.com (Int.-m2/1-rapid) 2021 - 148/7

5.d4 exd4 6.♘xd4 O-O



7.♘de2!? Of course, this move neglects everything we learn about the principles of opening play. But it has a point and it is not easy to react in a rapid game. White wants to play Nf4 and control the d5-square, squeezing Black with an advantage in space. This worked in the game but Black could fight against it with precise play.

7...♞e8 I don't think this move is very useful.

I would prefer to fight against White's plan immediately. 7...♘e5!? 8.♘f4 c6 9.♙e2 g5! this is the point. 10.♘h3 d5! 11.♘xg5 dxc4 12.O-O ♘d5 13.♘xd5 ♙xd5 with chances for both sides.

8.♘f4 ♙b4N

8...♘e5 9.♙e2 c6 10.O-O a6 11.b3 b5 12.♙b2 d6 13.♙c2 ♘g6= was Timman,Jan 2610 - Miles,Anthony 2565, Bugojno 1984 - 38/(35)

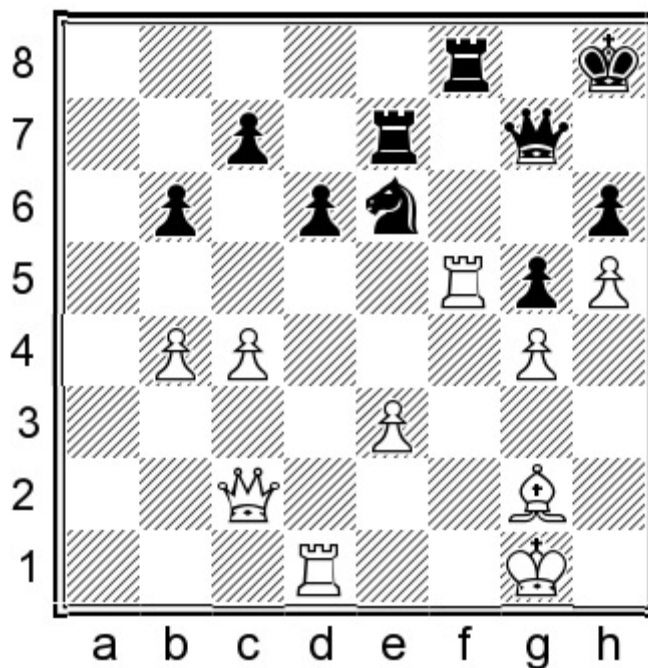
8...♙f8 9.♙e2 g6 10.b3 ♙g7 11.♙b2± Khismatullin,Denis 2626 - Kozionov,Kirill 2416, Moscow 2016

9.♙d2 d6 10.♙e2 ♙xc3 11.♙xc3 ♘e4 12.♞c1 b6 13.O-O ♘xc3 14.♞xc3 ♙b7 15.♙d2± White has a pleasant position with a slight advantage. After a lot of manoeuvring we arrived at a critical position.

15...a5 16.♘d5 h6 17.♞d1 ♘e5 18.♙d4 ♘d7 19.b3 ♘c5 20.♙f3 ♘e6 21.♙g4 ♘g5 22.♘e7+ ♙xe7 23.♙xb7 ♞ad8 24.♙c6 ♞f8 25.♞cd3 f5 26.♙h5 ♘h8 27.g3 ♙f6 28.♙e2 ♙g6 29.♙g2 ♞de8 30.h4 ♘e4 31.♙c2 ♞e7 32.a3 ♙f6 33.♞d4 g5 34.h5 ♘c5 35.b4 axb4 36.axb4 ♘e6 37.♞d5 f4 38.g4 fxe3?!

38...♘g7= It was better to keep the position closed and control the f5-square.

39.fxe3 ♙g7 40.♞f5



40...♖d8?! 41.c5! Now it becomes really dangerous for Black. The king is weak, while the bishop is very strong.

41...♗xf5

41...bxc5 42.bxc5 dxc5 (42...♗xe3 43.cxd6 cxd6 44.♗xd6) 43.♗xf8+ ♕xf8 44.♗c3+ ♔g8 45.♕d5+ ♔h7 46.♗xc5+-

42.cxd6! cxd6 43.♗xf5 ♗f7 44.♗d5 ♗f6 45.♗d4+- ♕e7 46.♗xb6 ♖f7 47.♗d4 ♖e5 48.b5 ♗c7 49.b6 ♗c2 50.♗d2 ♗b3 51.b7 ♖xg4 52.♗c1 ♗f8 1-0

This was the best game by a South American in the whole World Cup. GM Alan Pichot, from Argentina, is a former U-18 World Champion and a big talent. He is very ambitious and well prepared. His style is dynamic and aggressive, with a keen eye to sacrifices. The 6.Bg5 Najdorf suits him just fine.

B94
Pichot, Alan (2630) - Saric, Ivan (2653)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2), 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 a6 6.♕g5 ♖bd7 7.♗e2 e6

7...h6 8.♕h4 g6 is the other way Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2789 - Grischuk,Alexander 2777, chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 2021 - 147/(82)

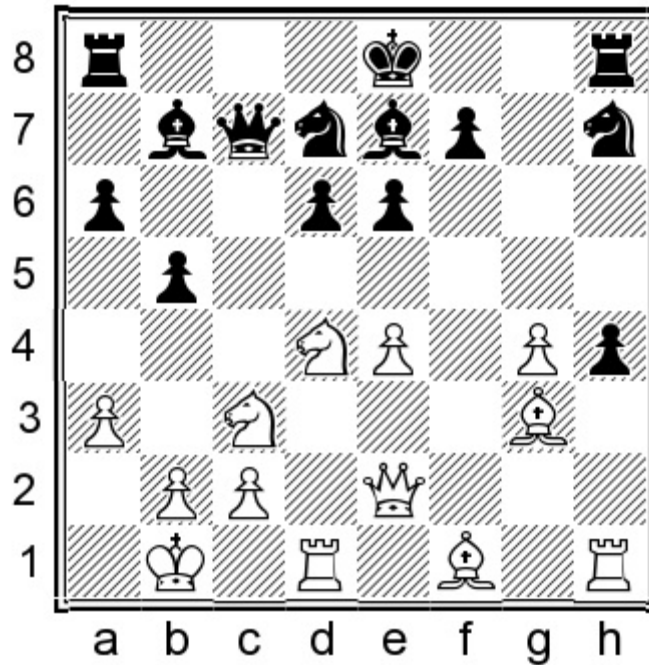
8.f4 ♗c7 9.O-O-O b5 10.a3 ♕b7 11.g4 ♕e7 12.♔b1 As suggested by Negi in his excellent repertoire book against the Sicilian.

12...h6 13.♕h4 g5 This is given by Negi as an interesting novelty.

13...♗c8 is the most common.

14.fxg5 ♖h7 15.♙g3 hxg5 16.h4! ♜hf8

16...gxh4



17.♖xh4! ♙xh4 18.♜dxb5! axb5 19.♜xb5 ♖d8 20.♜xd6+ ♔f8 21.♜xb7 ♖b6 22.♖xd7 ♜f6 (22...♙xg3 23.♖f3 ♜g5 24.♖f6 ♖h7 25.♖e7+ ♔g8 26.♖xg5+ ♖g7 27.♖f6± Senzacqua,Fabrizio - Bartsch,Reinhardt, corr 2019) 23.♙c7! ♖c6 24.♙d6+ ♔g8 25.♖c7 ♖xe4 26.♙e5 ♖xe2 27.♙xe2± This is Negi's main line.

17.♙g2!N A dangerous novelty. Negi gives 17.h5 and evaluates the position as better for White.

17.♖d2 Straka,Zdenek - Evtushenko,Sergey, corr 2017; 17.h5 ♜e5∞

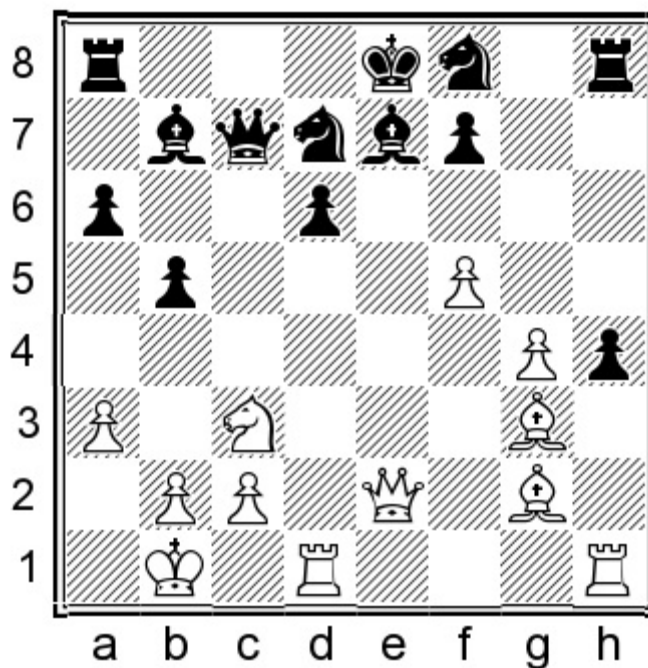
17...gxh4?! As it so often happens in the Sicilian, the price for one mistake is very high. Now White gets a very dangerous initiative.

17...♜e5 was better. 18.hxg5 ♖xh1 19.♖xh1 ♖c8∞

18.♜f5!

18.♖d2

18...exf5 19.exf5



19...Nxe5?!

19...Nxe5? 20. Bxg2 Nxb6 21. g5 O-O-O 22. f6 Bxf6 23. gxf6 Ng6±

20. Bxe5 dxe5 21. Bxb7 Bxb7 22. Bxe5 f6 23. Bf3± Now White's attack is too powerful.

23...Kf7 24. Bhe1 Bh7 25. Nd5 Bd8 26. g5! fxe5 27. f6+- Bxf6 28. Bf1 Kg7 29. Nxf6 Bh6 30. Ne8+ Kg8 31. Bxg5+ 1-0

A very good game by Pichot. He was eliminated by Grischuk in the next round. The Russian, by the way, eliminated another player from Argentina in the second round (GM Perez Ponsa).

I would also like to congratulate all the South American players whose games I didn't show in this article and I wish good luck to all of them in the coming tournaments.

24 QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED D Vienna Variation

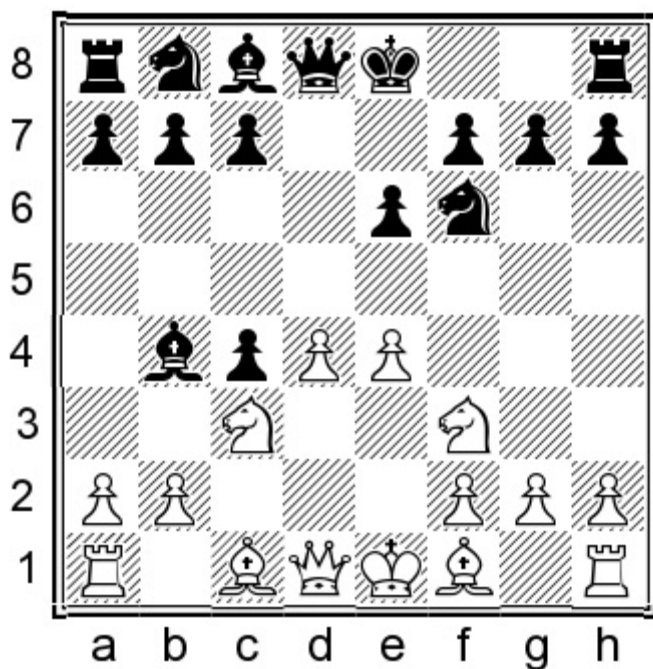
By GM Miloš Perunović

The World Cup is finished with the Polish star Jan Krzysztof Duda winning the title and qualification for the Candidates Tournament. He played in a really confident manner eliminating the World Champion Carlsen in the semi-final duel. I was most intrigued by his play with the black pieces and mastery he displayed in the Vienna Variation, holding the equality with great play.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.e4 ♙b4

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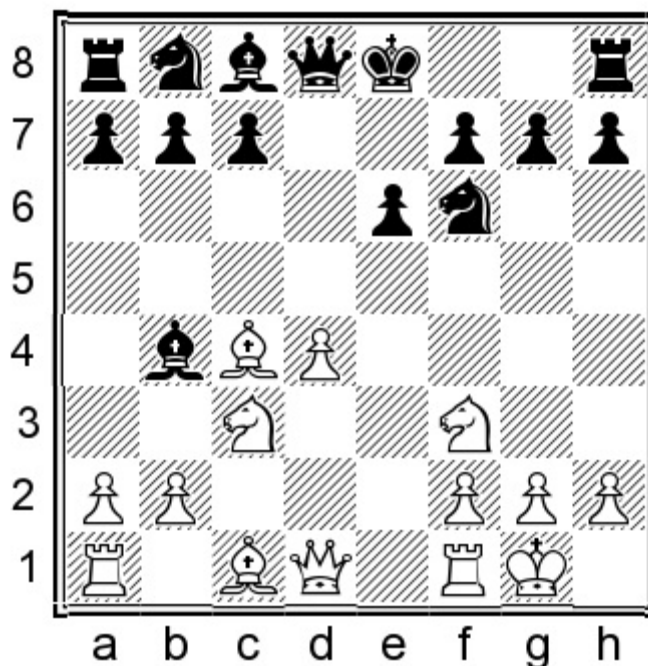
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- **Born:** 1984
- **Rating:** 2566
- **Peak rating:** 2641
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004



6.♙xc4 The critical continuation in the Vienna. The lines starting with 6.Bg5 are deeply examined, and at this point those do not offer any advantage for White.

6...♘xe4 7.O-O

In this article we will analyse the positions arising after 7...♘f6



where Black keeps the knight close to his king, thus blocking the passage to the kingside for the white queen. At this point White has two options.

The first continuation is Qa4 where White is trying to make use of the fact that the black bishop is not protected and generate direct attack on the black forces. The alternative is Carlsen's choice Qe2, proceeding with the natural development, and postponing the pressure for later stage of the game.

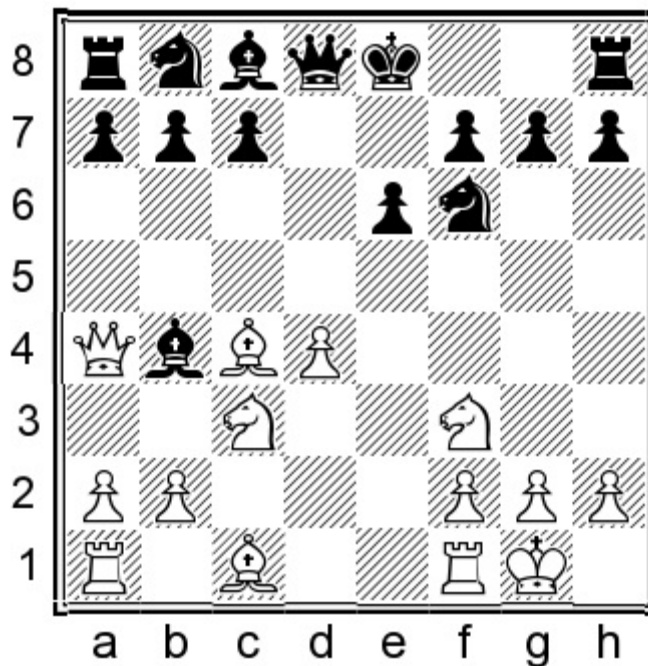
Obviously, it is too early for any verdicts, but it is White who is forced to find fresh ideas and new game plans in this variation.

7...♘xc3 is the most frequently played move. 8.bxc3 reaching an important crossroads for Black, as the bishop can retreat to e7 or d6. Both variations are playable, allowing White to obtain compensation for the pawn. In the Bd6 continuation the g5-square remains undefended, thus allowing White to transfer the knight to the central e4-square. On the other hand, in the Be7 line it is the e5-square that stays uncovered, so White is well-advised to position the knight on this square and open the passage for his queen to the kingside. 8...♙d6 (8...♙e7 9.♘e5 (9.♙e2!? A very dangerous idea. The white rook will be transferred to the kingside, by means of Rd1-d3, Ne5 and Rg3 manoeuvre.) 9...O-O 10.♙g4 ♖) 9.♘g5 h6 10.♘e4 ♖

CHAPTER 1

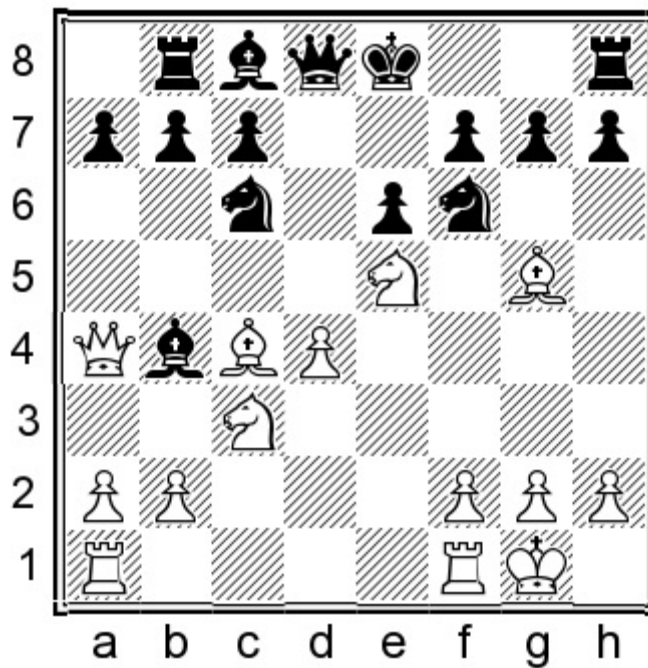
8.♙a4

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.e4 ♙b4 6.♙xc4 ♘xe4 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♙a4+

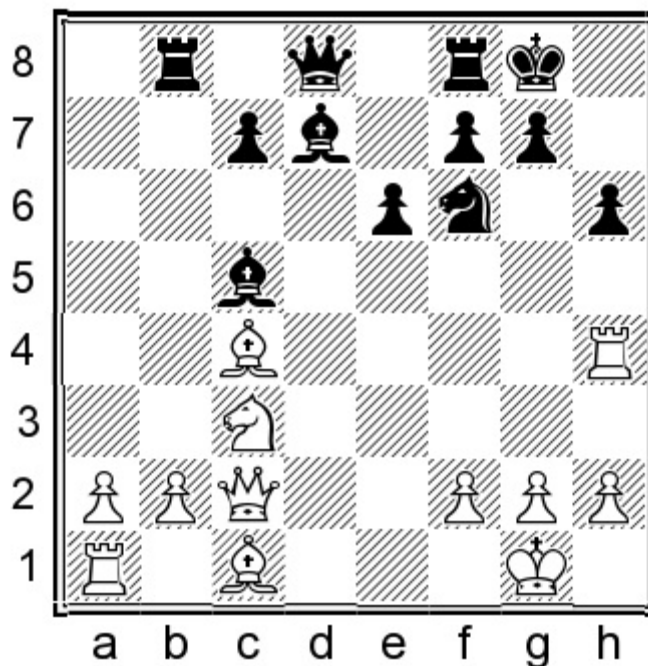


8...Nc6 9.Bg5

9.Ne5 Bb8 (9...a5 is the alternative. However, Rb8 is probably a more precise move allowing the rook to occupy the correct position after the exchange on c6. 10.Bd2) 10.Bd1 (10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qxc6+ (11.Bd1 Bd7 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Qxa7 (13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Ne4 f5 15.Nc5 Bd6) 13...Ba8 14.Qb7 Bb8= Karjakin,Sergey 2757 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2729, Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 2021) 11...Bd7 12.Qf3 O-O!? (12...Bd6 13.b3 h6) 13.Bf4 (13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Bb6= Black will proceed with Bc6 and Be7.) 13...Bd6 14.b3 Bc6!=; 10.d5 At a first glance this move seems to be rather dangerous, but it leads to several exchanges. In the ensuing position White will have a slightly better pawn structure, but Black should have a full compensation thanks to great activity of his forces. 10...exd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qxc6+ Qd7 14.Qxd5 (14.Bxd5 O-O 15.Qxd7 Bxd7 16.Be3 (16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Bxd6 cxd6 18.b3 Bfc8=) 16...Bd6 17.b3 (17.Bxa7 Bxb2 18.a4 Bd2 19.Be4 Be5=) 17...a5 18.Bfd1 a4 19.Bac1 axb3 20.axb3 Bfe8= Aronian, Levon 2764 - Caruana,Fabiano 2822, Stavanger 2018 - 137/137) 14...O-O 15.Be3 (15.Qxd7 Bxd7 16.Be3 Bd6 17.b3 a5=; 15.Bf4 Qg4! 16.Qg5 Bd6 17.Qxg4 Bxg4 18.Bxd6 cxd6= Melkumyan,Hrant 2653 - Van Forest,Jorden 2622, Saint Louis 2019) 15...a5 16.Bfd1 Qxd5 17.Bxd5 a4=; 10.Bg5

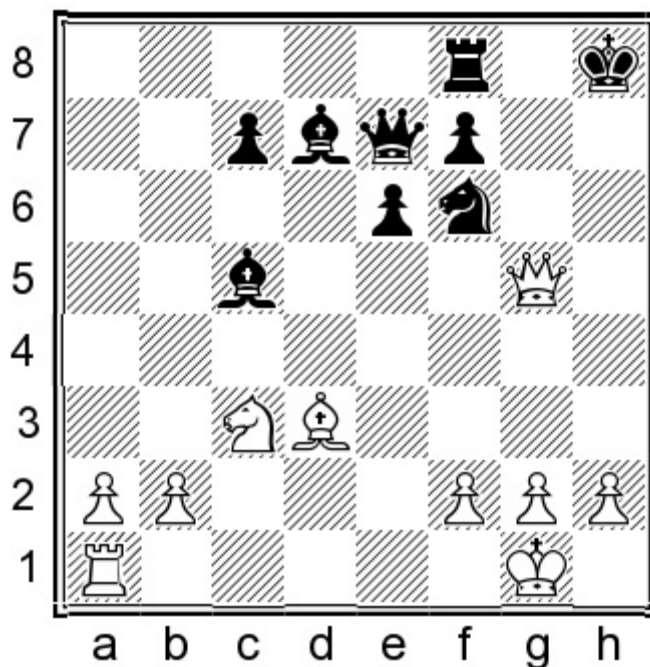


10...Qxd4! Black must be courageous! He captures another central pawn! 11.Rfe1 (11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Qxc6 bxc6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qa4 Qb7) 11...O-O (A quite reasonable alternative would be 11...Qd7) 12.Rad1 Qc5 13.Qxf6 gxf6 14.Qxc6 bxc6 15.a3 Qxc4 16.axb4 Qxb4 17.Qxa7 Qb7) 10...O-O 11.Qxc6 (11.Qb5 Qd6 12.Qxc6 bxc6 13.Qxc6 Qd7 14.Qxd8 Qxa4 15.Qxa4 Rfxd8=) 11...bxc6 12.Qxa7 Qd7 13.Qa4 (13.Qg5 Ra8 14.Qb7 Rb8=) 13...c5 14.Qc2 Qc6 (14...cxd4 Black releases the tension in the centre way too soon, thus allowing White to activate his rook and create an assault on the black king. 15.Rxd4 Qc5 16.Rh4! Qe7 (16...h6?!

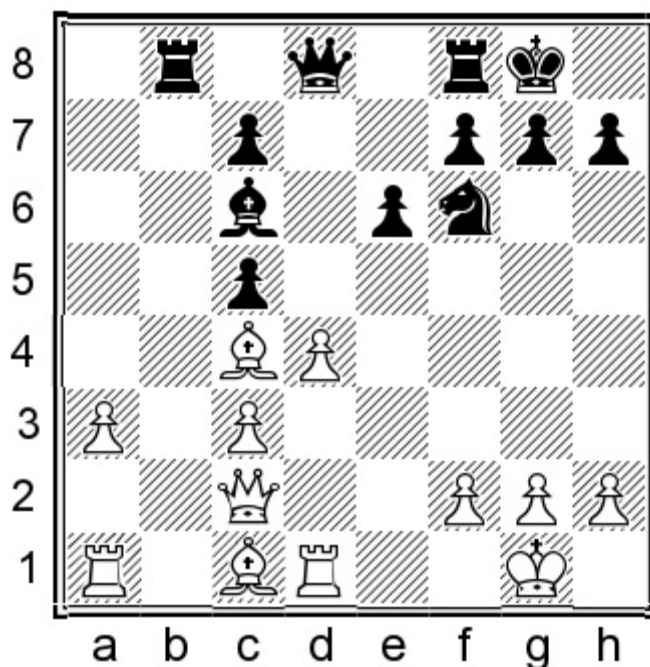


17.Qxh6! gxh6 18.Qd2 Qh7 19.Qxh6 Qxf2+ 20.Qxf2 Qf6+ 21.Qxf6 Rxb2+ 22.Qg1 Qxf6 23.Rf1± Carlsen,Magnus 2835 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2738, Wijk aan Zee 2019) 17.Qd3! (17.Qg5 h6 18.Qe4 Qd4 19.Qb3 Qxf2+! 20.Qxf2 hgx5 21.Qxg5 Rb4∞) 17...h6 18.Qxh6! gxh6 19.Qd2 Qe4 (19...Rb4

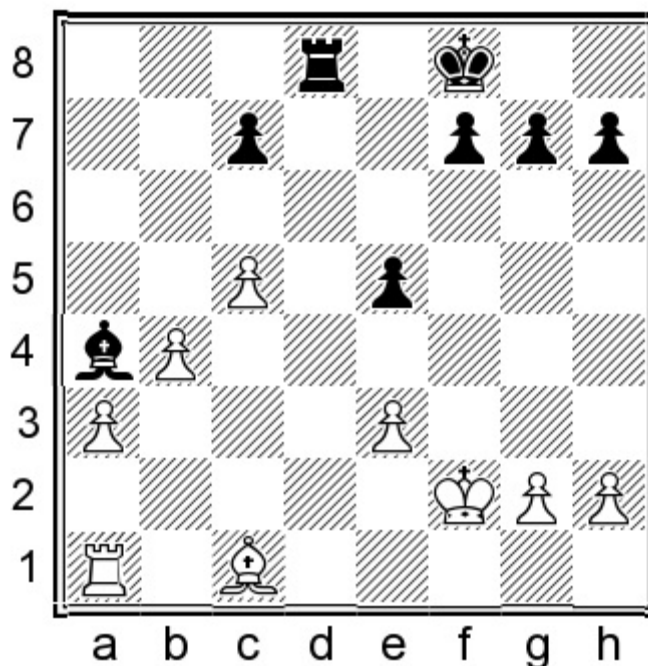
20. ♖xh6 ♜xh4 21. ♛g5+ ♔h8 22. ♖xh4+ ♔g7 23. ♛g5+ ♔h8



24. b4! ♙d6 (24... ♙xb4 25. ♛h6+ ♔g8 26. ♖e1+- Black has no good defence against the threat of Re3-e5 and Ne4.) 25. ♛h6+ ♔g8 26. ♖e1 ♜a8 27. ♖e3+-) 20. ♖xe4 ♛g5 21. ♛c2±) 15. dxc5 (15. a3 ♙xc3 16. bxc3



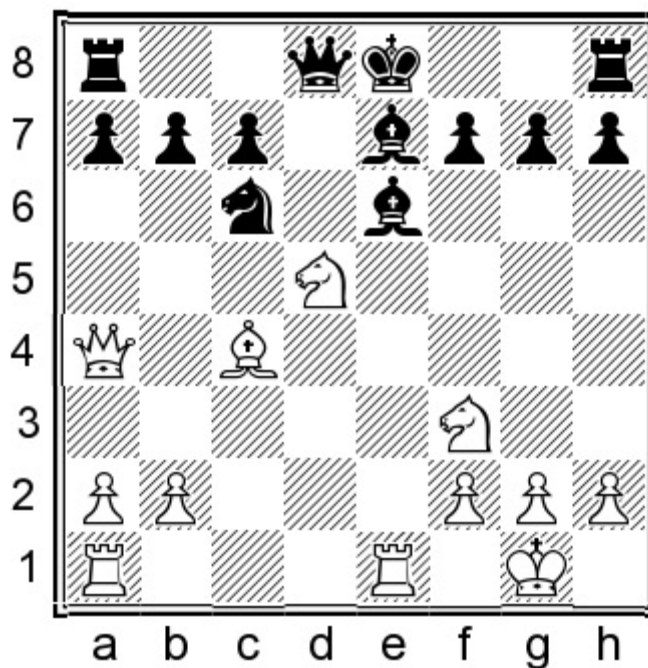
(16. ♛xc3 ♘e4 17. ♛c2 (17. ♛e3 ♘d6 18. dxc5 (18. ♙d3 ♘f5 19. ♙xf5 exf5∞) 18... ♘xc4 19. ♖xd8 ♘xe3 20. ♖xf8+ ♔xf8 21. ♙xe3 (21. fxe3 ♙a4 22. b4 ♜d8 23. ♔f2 e5∞



Black has a clear domination. White is a pawn up, but his bishop is poorly placed, while his queenside pawn formation is paralysed. On the other hand, the black pieces possess great activity and his pawn mass is quite mobile so he has good chance to fight for the advantage.) 21...♖xb2 22.♙f4 ♖b7=; 17.♙d3 ♙h4! with the idea of Rfd8.) 17...cxd4 18.♙d3 ♙d5 19.♙xe4 ♙xe4 20.♙xe4 ♙xe4 21.♖xd4 ♙d5=) 16...♖a8! Black takes control over the a3-pawn trying to establish domination over the light-squares. 17.dxc5 ♙e7 18.a4 ♖a5 19.♙e3 ♖fa8 20.♙b3 ♖e4∞; 15.♖e2 ♙e4 16.♙d3 ♙xd3 17.♖xd3 ♙d5=) 15...♙e7 16.♙f1 (16.a3 ♙xc5 17.b4 ♙b6 18.h3 ♖fd8∞ (18...♖h5!? with the idea of Qh4.)) 16...♙xc5 17.h3 h6∞; 9.♙b5 a5

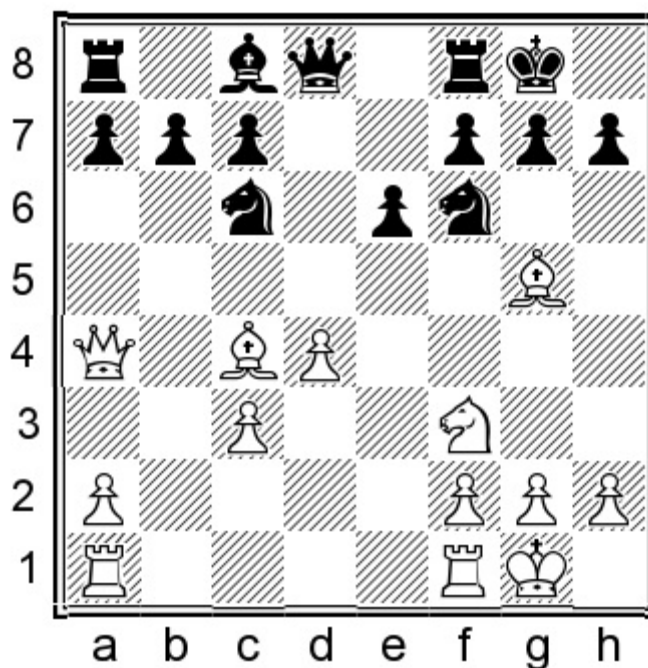
9...♙xc3! Non-standard, yet very concrete solution. Black gives up the bishop pair motivated by some highly practical reasons. In actual fact, d4-d5 advance is no longer a threat.

A more "natural" response 9...♙e7 is not good enough, because it allows White to seize the initiative in the most energetic fashion. 10.♙xf6 ♙xf6 11.d5! exd5 12.♖fe1+ ♙e6 (12...♙e7? 13.♖xd5 ♙e6



14.♖xe6! fxe6 15.♘f4+-) 13.♙xd5 (13.♙a6!? A very attractive option, but it does not bring much to White. 13...bxa6 14.♚xc6+ ♔f8 15.♞ad1 ♞b8 16.♘xd5 ♚d6 17.♚xd6+ cxd6 18.♘xf6 gxf6=) 13...O-O 14.♙xe6 fxe6 15.♞xe6 (15.♞ad1 ♚e8 16.♘e4 ♞d8 (16...♚e7 17.♚b3± Aronian,Levon 2805 - Anand,Viswanathan 2815, Sao Paulo/Bilbao 2011 - 113/144) 17.♚b3 ♚f7 18.♚xb7 (18.♘xf6+ ♚xf6 19.♚xb7 ♞xd1 20.♞xd1 ♘e5=) 18...♘d4∞) 15...♚d7 16.♞e2 ♞ad8 (16...♔h8 17.♘e4±) 17.♚b3+ ♚f7 18.♚xb7 ♘d4 19.♘xd4 ♙xd4 20.♞f1± - and it seems that Black does not have enough compensation for the pawn.

10.bxc3 O-O



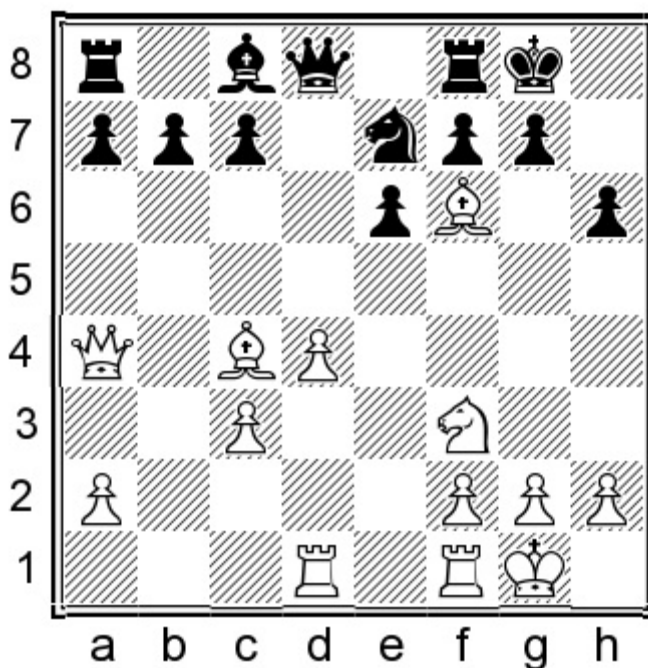
11.♞ad1

11.♞e5 ♖d6 12.♟fe1 (12.♞xf6 gxf6 13.♞g4 ♔g7∞) 12...♞d5 13.♞xd5 (13.♞d3 f6 14.♞c4 ♖d7 15.♞d2 b6 16.♟ab1 prophylaxis against Bb7. 16...♞ce7 (16...♞b7?! 17.♞a5!±) 17.♖c2 ♞f5∞ followed by Ba6.) 13...exd5 14.♞xc6 ♖xc6 15.♖xc6 bxc6 16.♞f4 ♞f5 17.♞xc7 ♟fe8= Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2817 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2738, Wijk aan Zee 2019

11.♟fe1 h6 12.♞h4 ♞e7 13.♞xf6 gxf6 14.♖c2 ♔g7 15.♟e4 ♞g6 16.♟g4 f5 17.♟g3 ♔h7∞

11...h6 12.♞h4 ♞e7! 13.♞xf6

13.♞e5 ♞fd5 14.♖c2 (14.♖a3 f6 15.♞d3 ♖d6 16.♖b3 ♖b6⌘) 14...f6 15.♞d3 a5 16.♟fe1 ♞f5 17.♞g3 ♞d6∞



13...gxf6

In my opinion, White has a sufficient compensation for the pawn in view of Black's damaged pawn structure on the kingside. Also, Black is still to develop his light-square bishop, and that will take some time. On top of that, Black must invest time to fortify position in front of his king, by means of Kg7, Ng6 and f5, thus neutralising all the weaknesses. The light-square bishop can be developed either by advancing the b-pawn, or assuming a bit more passive formation after Qd6, followed by Bd7.

14.♖c2

14.♖b5 with the idea of queen transfer to the kingside along the 5th rank. 14...♞g6 15.♖h5 ♔h7 16.♟fe1 (16.d5?! ♞f4 17.♖h4 e5⌘) 16...f5 17.♞e5 ♞xe5 18.♟xe5 (18.dxe5 ♖g5 19.♖f3 ♟b8⌘) 18...c6∞ Black managed to strengthen his position. Next he will proceed with Qf6, Bd7, Rg8.

14...♟b8! With the idea of b5, positioning the bishop on the long a8-h1 diagonal.

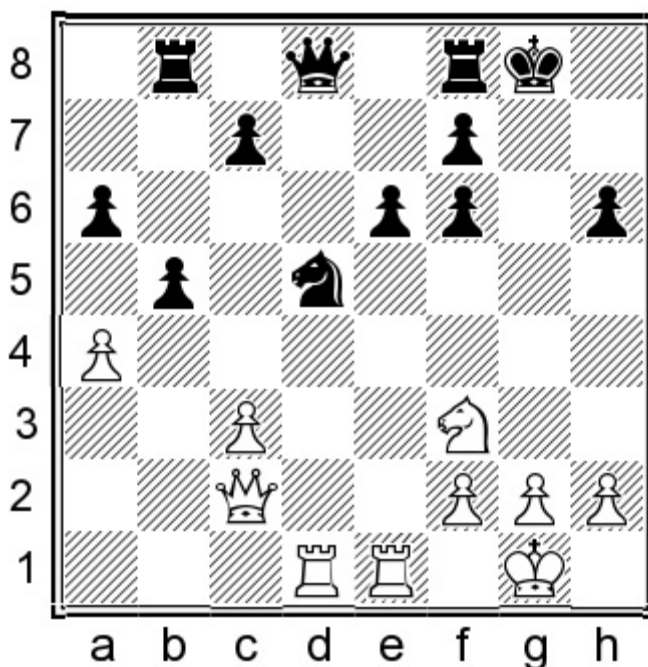
15.a4 a6 16.♟fe1

16.d5 exd5 (16...e5!?) 17.♔c1 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.♙d3 ♖g7 20.♘d4 c5 21.♚e3 ♙d7 22.♘e2 d4!
23.cxd4 c4 24.♙b1 ♙f5∞;

16.a5 b5 17.axb6 ♜xb6 18.♞fe1 ♙b7∞

16...b5 17.♙a2 ♖g7

It is too soon to go for 17...♙b7 18.d5! ♙xd5 19.♙xd5 exd5 (19...♘xd5?



20.♞xe6! fxe6 21.♚g6+ ♖h8 22.♚xh6+ ♖g8 23.♚g6+ ♖h8 24.♞d4 ♘f4 25.♚h6+ ♖g8 26.♚xf4+-)
20.axb5 axb5 21.♚d2∞ with strong compensation for the sacrificed pawns.

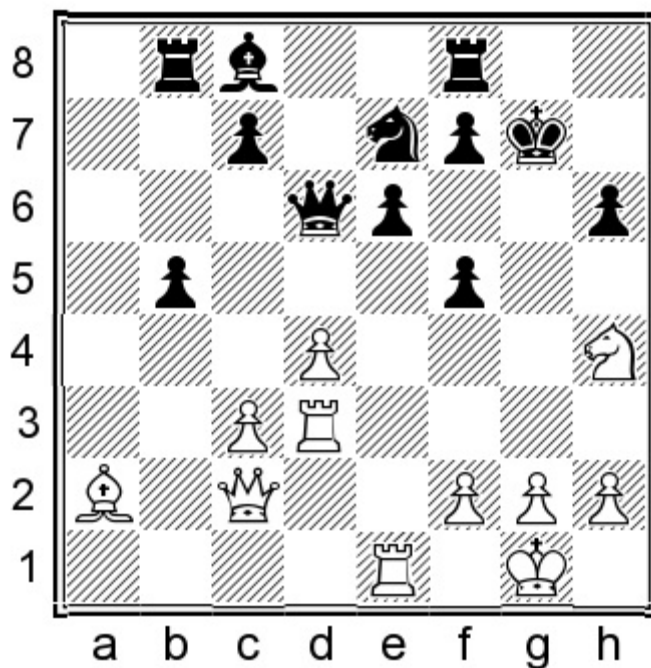
18.♘h4

18.d5 Here the d5-break does not have much power since the black bishop is still on c8 and covers the f5-, g4- and h3-square. 18...♘xd5 19.♙xd5 (19.♞d3 ♞b6 20.♚d2 ♞d6⌘) 19...exd5 20.axb5 axb5 21.♘d4 ♞b6 22.♞d3 ♞e8 23.♞xe8 ♞xe8 24.♞e3 ♞d8⌘

18...♚d6

18...♞g8! 19.axb5 axb5 20.d5 ♘xd5 21.♙xd5 exd5 22.♞e3 ♞b6! The rook joins in defence of the 6th rank. 23.♞de1 (23.♞g3+ ♖h8 24.♚d2 f5⌘) 23...f5 24.♘xf5+ ♙xf5 25.♚xf5 ♞f6⌘ Black managed to defend quite successfully retaining the pawn.

19.♞d3 f5 20.axb5 axb5∞

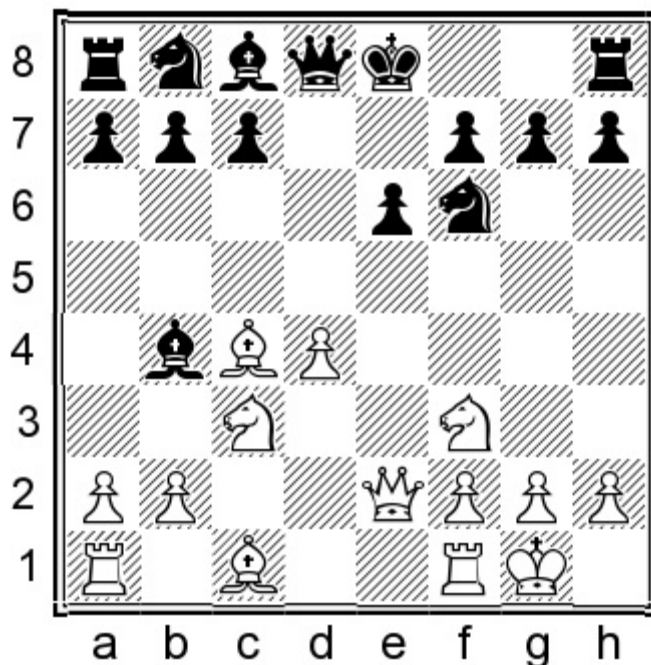


With Bb7 to follow and Black managed to create a desired position, as in Grischuk,Alexander 2778 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2738, Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 2021

CHAPTER 2

8. ♕e2

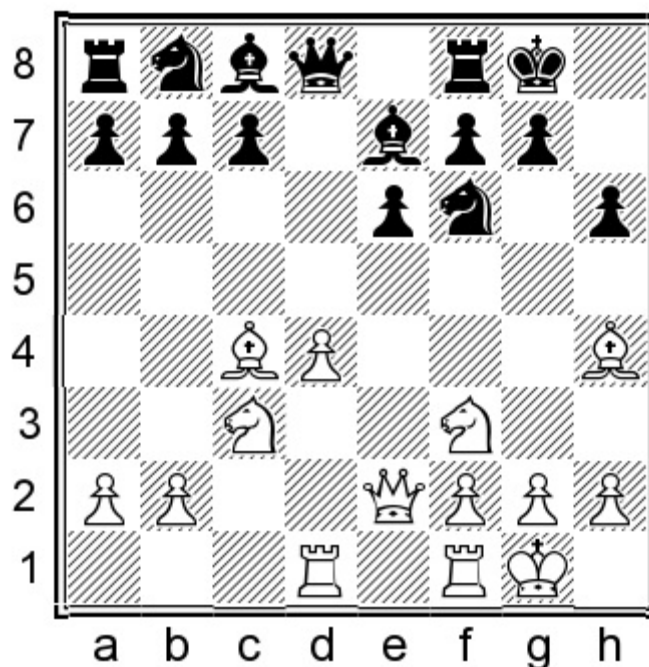
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.e4 ♙b4 6.♙xc4 ♘xe4 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♕e2



Clearly, this is the sternest test for Black. White avoids semi-forced lines starting with 8.Qa4, but instead options for natural piece development in the centre thus trying to generate some pressure on

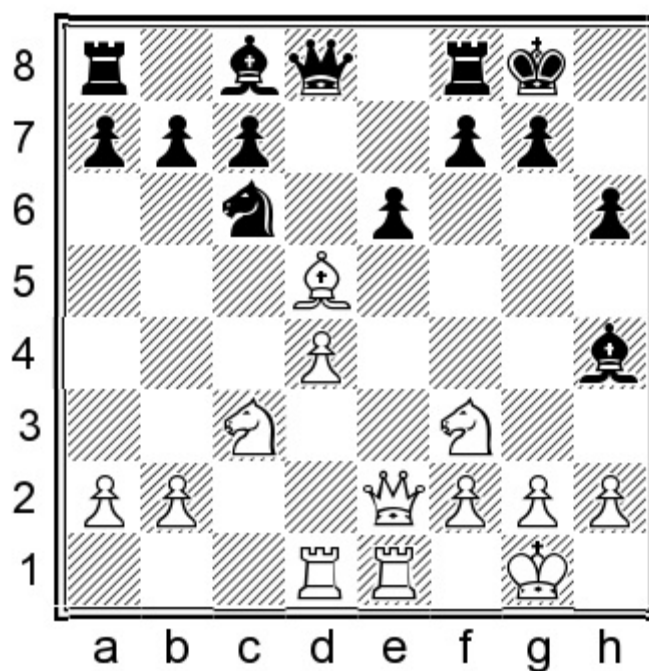
Black's position.

8...O-O 9.♘g5 h6 10.♘h4 ♙e7 11.♞ad1



11...♞bd7 In this concrete situation this might be a better way to develop the knight compared to the 12...Nc6 utilised by Duda against the World Champion, Carlsen. The knight will be transferred to b6, taking the important d5-square under control.

11...♞c6 12.♞fe1 ♞d5 (12...♞b4?! 13.d5!) 13.♙xd5 ♙xh4

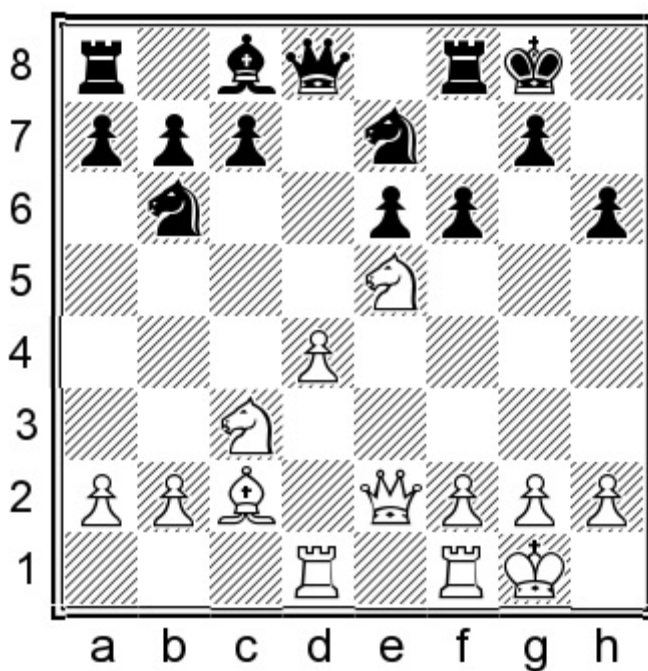


14.♙xc6 (14.♙e4!? This is a quite interesting continuation aiming for initiative, pretty standard after the exchanges in the centre. 14...♙f6 (14...♙e7 15.♙b1 White is preparing the battery along the b1-h7

diagonal, opening the central lines. 15...♙d6 16.d5 exd5 17.♚d3 g6 18.♜xd5 ♙g4 19.♚c3 ♙xf3 20.♜f6+ ♚xf6 21.♚xf6 ♙xd1 22.♞xd1±) 15.d5 exd5 16.♜xd5 ♙g4 17.♙c2 (17.♚b5 ♙xf3 18.♙xf3 ♜d4 19.♚c4 (19.♚xb7 c6 20.♜xf6+ ♚xf6=) 19...c5 20.b4 ♜xf3+ 21.gxf3 cxb4 22.♜e7+ ♚xe7 23.♞xe7 ♙xe7 24.♞d7 ♞ac8 25.♞c7 ♞xc7 26.♚xc7 ♙f6 27.♚xb7 a5=) 17...g6 18.♚e4 ♙xf3 19.♚xf3 ♜g7 20.♚f4) 14...bxc6 15.♚c4 ♞b8 16.b4! would cause much more difficulties for Black. (16.♜xh4 ♚xh4 17.b3 ♞d8 18.♚xc6 ♙b7∞ and Black managed to solve all of his problems. 19.♚xc7 (19.♚c5 ♚g5 20.♚xg5 hxg5= Carlsen,Magnus 2847 - Duda, Jan Krzysztof 2729, Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 2021) 19...♙xg2! 20.♜xg2 ♞bc8 21.♚g3 ♚xg3+ 22.hxg3 ♞xc3=)

12.♞fe1

12.♜e5 ♜b6 13.♙b3 (13.♙d3 ♜fd5 14.♙g3 ♙d7 15.♜e4 ♙a4 16.♞c1 ♜d7 17.b3 ♜xe5 18.dxe5 ♙c6 19.♞fd1 a5∞ Caruana,Fabiano 2787 - Eljanov,Pavel 2760, Wijk aan Zee 2016 - 127/144) 13...♜fd5 14.♙xe7 ♜xe7 (14...♚xe7 15.f4→ Δ Rd3-g3) 15.♙c2 f6



16.♚d3!? (16.♜f3 ♜bd5∞) 16...fxe5 17.♚h7+ ♜f7 18.dxe5 ♜bd5 19.♜xd5 exd5 20.♞d3 ♜e8 (20...♙f5? 21.♞f3 ♜e6 22.♙xf5+ ♞xf5 23.♞xf5 ♜xf5 24.♚g6+ ♜xe5 25.♞e1+ ♜d4 26.♚xf5+-) 21.e6! ♙xe6 22.♞e3 ♜d7 23.♚xg7 ♚e8 24.♞fe1 ♚f7 25.♚xf7 ♙xf7 26.♞xe7+ ♜d6∞ The storm has passed, and we reached middlegame position with mutual chances.

12...♜b6 13.♙b3

13.d5 ♜xc4 14.♚xc4 ♚d6!∞ Black is intending to remove his queen from the central files, and transfer her to either to b6, or a6.

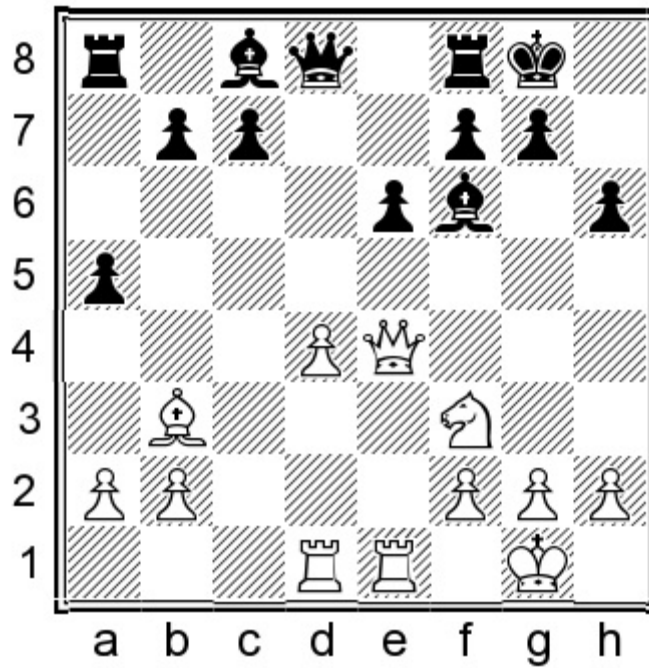
13...♜fd5 14.♜xd5

14.♙xe7 ♜xe7 15.♙c2 ♙d7 16.♜e5 ♙c6 17.h4 (17.♚d3 g6∞) 17...♜f5∞

14...♜xd5 15.♙xd5 ♙xh4 16.♙b3 ♙f6 17.♚e4

17.d5 e5 18.♘xe5 ♖e8 19.♘xf7 (19.f4 ♚d6∞; 19.♚h5 ♖xe5 20.♖xe5 ♙g4! 21.♚xg4 ♙xe5=)
 19...♖xe2 20.♘xd8 ♖xe1+ 21.♖xe1 ♔f8 22.♙a4 c6 23.♘e6+ ♙xe6 24.♖xe6 cxd5=

17...a5!?∞



Next, the rook lift will follow, and it will take it to d6 via a6-square. However, White has a decent compensation for the pawn.

STATE of PLAY with SABINA

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Nakamura Emerges Victorious in Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz

The Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz event was the fourth leg of the Grand Chess Tour (GCT), a series of 5 invitational events that featured 9 of the strongest chess players in the world who had the opportunity to compete in 4 out of 5 events and accumulate points to declare its overall winner. This year's Tour included 9 players, but it was a year full of unexpected circumstances. Due to continuous restrictions imposed because of Covid-19 and its waves, this year's GCT has made it more difficult for some of the players to travel, especially for the final two legs which took place in the United States, where a visa was also a requirement.

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Despite all the difficulties, the organizers of all legs of the Tour worked tirelessly to bring together top-level players that didn't fail to bring their best and create exciting chess.

The Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz took place from 9th to 15th of August and it kicked off with three days of Rapid (9 games, 3 games each day) followed by two days of Blitz games (double Round-Robin - 18 games).

The time control for the rapid portion of the event was game in 25 minutes with 10 seconds increment, while for the blitz portion the players had 5 minutes with 2 seconds increment. In order to balance the overall points, considering that the Blitz was Double Round-Robin, the scoring for the Rapid was 2 for win, 1 for draw, and 0 for loss.

Aside from the Tour participants Fabiano Caruana, Shakhryar Mamedyarov, Wesley So and Richard Rapport, the field was completed with 6 wild-card participants: Lenier Dominguez, Le Quang Liem, Jeffery Xiong, Hikaru Nakamura, Sam Shankland and Peter Svidler.

There were certainly many dramatic moments throughout the competition with many exciting games, but it is Hikaru Nakamura that deserves all of the laurels. He clinched the title with 3 rounds to spare and not a single loss - therefore I only thought it fair to repeat my previous title and the famous Latin expression: Veni, Vidi, Vici! Hikaru's win is even more impressive considering that last year he took a break from over-the-board events to focus on streaming. Hikaru has had a tremendous success on Twitch and Youtube, making him the most followed chess streamer in the world. Though it may seem

that he has put chess on the board, he hasn't announced his retirement yet, so watch out Magnus, it may seem that he lays low, but his passion and ambition is far from gone and he seems to continue his usual training.

It is a known fact that Hikaru always enjoyed playing bullet and blitz online and that is also the way he has grown to be a strong player. However, focusing so much on playing different levels of players online could be considered by some a way to get out of shape; but not for Hikaru. While many have counted him out and maybe assumed he hasn't spent enough time preparing for over-the-board events given his amazing success and popularity online, he was not only ready, but cruised through both events without losing a single game. Although there were a few instances where luck was on his side, he has been able to swindle his opponents.

Nobody was short of exciting games. Though he had a slow start, Nakamura finished first in the Rapid portion of the event and he continued in the same fashion throughout the event with 3 rounds to spare. His gold until the end of the tournament was not to lose a single game and he has managed to do so. It is a known fact that it is by playing only bullet and blitz that Hikaru Nakamura has developed his skills, but youngsters who are big fans of his don't necessarily manage to achieve the same success. Follow your own path, listen to your coaches and mentors and do what seems to be working for you. And Never Give Up!

Best thing he did was that he didn't really make mistakes, even when entering worse positions, but his experience playing blitz kept him safe.

Fabiano Caruana didn't seem to find his form in many events this year, but has a great result finishing 2nd. He was followed by the Hungarian GM Richard Rapport.

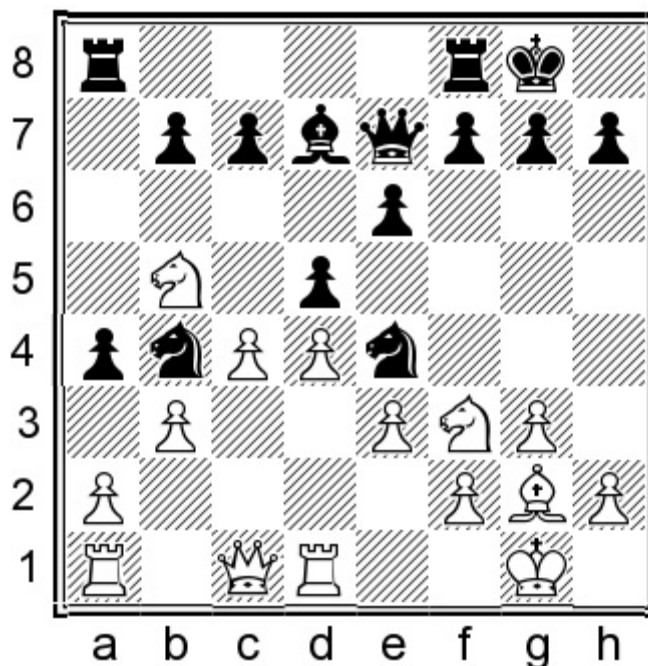
I leave you with some of my favorite games and endgame positions below. My selection consists mostly of games from the Rapid portion of the event.

E06

**Shankland, Samuel (2709) - Rapport, Richard (2763)
Saint Louis (rapid), 2021**

This game of the very first round is a real proof of what rapid and blitz chess is about at the highest level - tactical sharpness and strategic alertness. GM Samuel Shankland who just had a great run at the World Cup obtained a relatively good position against Richard Rapport out of the opening, but overestimated his positional advantage and his position collapsed in a matter of seconds.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 ♙e7 4.♙g2 d5 5.♘f3 O-O 6.b3 a5 7.O-O a4 8.♙a3 ♘c6 9.e3 ♘e4 10.♙c1 ♙xa3 11.♘xa3 ♘b4 12.♖d1 ♙e7 13.♘b5 ♙d7 White has a comfortable position, but has to find the right way to regroup and take advantage of his extra space. When the opponent is passive, there is a tendency to want to restrict him even more, but in this case treating the position as a good Catalan, or a potential Stone-Wall is the way to go instead.



14.a3?? This might seem the natural approach to gain even more space, but fails to a tactical idea that Rapport has executed nicely.

14.♘xc7?? would have obviously failed to 14...♞ac8-+ and White's knight is trapped.

14.♘c3 would have been the right approach to keep the pressure on the Ne4 before planning the Ne1-d3 manoeuvre, the f3 advance to push the Ne4 away and take control of the centre as follows:

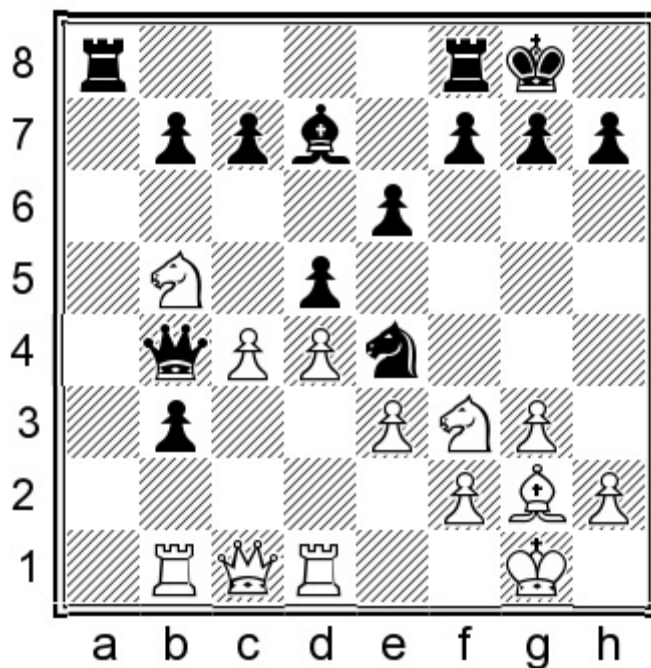
14...axb3 15.axb3 ♞xa1 16.♞xa1 ♔e8 17.♘e1 f5 18.♞c1± White has a nice long lasting edge in this weird form of the Stone-Wall.

14...axb3! Now Black simply wins thanks to the strong b3-pawn.

15.axb4

15.♞d3

15...♞xb4 16.♞b1



16...♖a2

16...dxc4 17.♘e5 ♙xb5 seems simpler.

17.♘e1 ♘xf2 18.♙c3 ♙xc4 19.♙xc4 dxc4 20.♘c3 ♘xd1 21.♘xa2 ♘xe3 22.♘c3 b5 Black has five pawns for a piece. The rest was a walk in the park for Rapport.

23.♙f3 b4 24.♘e4 ♘c2 25.♘c5 ♙b5 26.d5 ♘a3 27.♖b2 exd5 28.♙xd5 ♖e8 29.♙e4 ♖e5 30.♖d2 g6 31.♖d5 ♖xd5 32.♙xd5 b2 0-1



Sam Shankland vs Richárd Rapport, Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz 2021; Photo by Lennart Ootes

D12

**So, Wesley (2772) - Shankland, Samuel (2709)
Saint Louis (rapid), 2021**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 Shankland is one the main experts of the Slav in modern days. Though this game didn't go his way, I think some important facets of this opening are demonstrated.

3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♙f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 ♙e4!? This is an attempt to mix things up. Bg6 is generally easier to play although there is nothing wrong with this provocative bishop move.

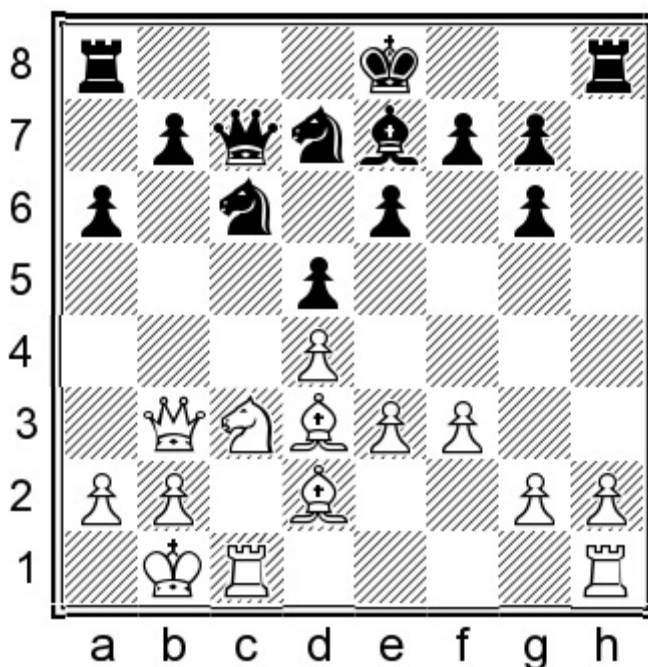
7.f3 ♙g6 8.♙b3 ♙c7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.♙d2 White has reached a comfortable position and it is the type of position Wesley So seems to enjoy playing.

10...♘c6 11.O-O-O a6 12.♘xg6 hxg6 13.♙b1 ♘d7

♞13...♙e7 14.♙c1 (14.♙d3 was later seen to also work in Wesley's favour during this event! **14...♙f8 15.♙c1 ♙b8 16.♘e2 ♙xh2 17.♙xh2 ♙xh2 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 ♙xg2** (19...♙d8?! **20.♙xb7 ♘xd4 21.♘xd4 ♙xd4 22.♙c8+ ♙d8 23.♙a5 ♙g1+ 24.♙c1 ♙d4 25.♙xa6 ♙d7 26.♙b8+ ♘e8 27.♙b5 ♙xe4+ 28.♙a1 ♙b7 29.♙h2 ♙f6 30.♙h8+ ♙e7 31.♙b4+ ♘d6 32.♙xd6+ ♙xd6 33.♙d1+ ♙c5 34.♙xd7 ♙xb2+ 35.♙b1 ♙e4+ 36.♙xb2 ♙b4+ 37.♙c2 ♙e4+ 38.♙d3 ♙xg2+ 39.♙b3 ♙b7 40.♙e8 1 : 0**

So, Wesley 2772 - Xiong, Jeffery 2710, Saint Louis (blitz) 2021) 20.♖xc6 ♜xe4 21.♞c2 ♜xd2+ 22.♞xd2 ♞d8=) 14...♜d7 transposes to the game.

14.♞c1 ♞e7 15.♞d3



15...♞c8

15...♜a5!? I don't know much about this line but it seems that the correspondence players have trust in it. 16.♜xd5 (16.♞d1 ♜c4 17.♞xc4 dxc4 18.d5 ♜e5 Looks very healthy for Black with the knight on e5.) 16...♞xc1+ 17.♞xc1! ♜xb3 18.♜c7+ ♜d8 19.♜xa8 ♜a5 20.e4 ♜c6 21.♞e3 ♜c8 22.d5 (22.♞f4 e5 23.dxe5 ♞c5 24.b4 g5 25.♞g3 ♞xb4 26.♞c4 ♜cxe5 27.♞b3 ♞a5 28.♞d1 ♞e8= Alfaro de Hombre, Jose Manuel - Rashitov, Denis, corr 2016) 22...exd5 23.♜b6+ ♜xb6 24.♞xb6 ♞d8 25.♞f2 ♜b4 26.♞e2 dxe4 27.fxe4 ♞c7= Mroczek, Jacek - Duszynski, Jerzy, corr 2018

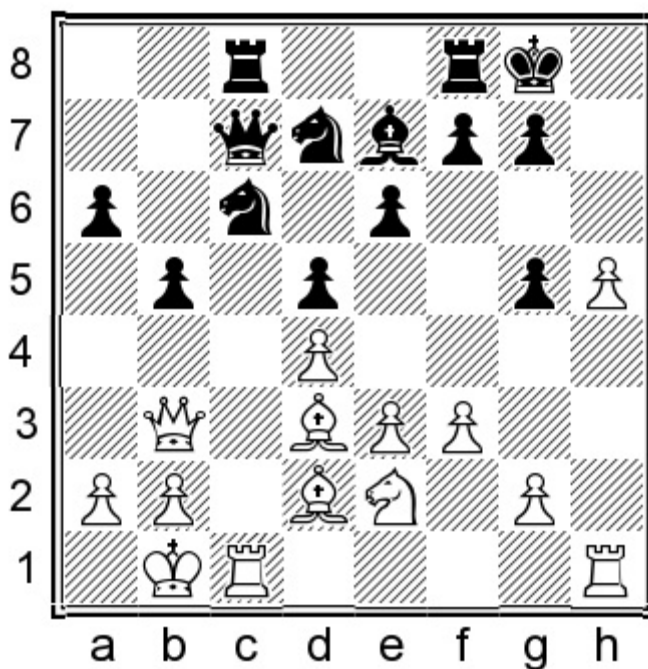
16.♜e2 O-O?N

I personally don't like this move. My dislike is not based on engine evaluation. I believe it is a bit too early to let White pushing h4-h5. I don't believe Black should be in any hurry to castle just yet. Maybe it is because I have the words of our current World Champion, Magnus Carlsen in my mind, who once stated that if you are one move away from castling you should be fine.

16...b5 17.a4 bxa4 18.♞xa4 ♜b6 19.♞xa6 ♞a8 20.♞b5 ♜d7!⚡ Seems that Black's compensation suffices for a draw. 21.e4 (21.♞b3 ♞a7 22.♞b5 ♞hc8 23.♞he1 (23.♜c2 ♜c4 24.♞a1 ♞c7 25.♞xa8 ♞xa8 26.♞c1 ♜d6 27.♜b1 ♜xb5 28.♞xb5 ♞b8 29.♞a4 ♞b7 30.♞c3 ♞a8 31.♞d1 ♞b5 32.♜c2 ♞a2 33.♞b1 ♞b4 34.♞d3 ♞b8 35.f4 ♞xc3 36.♞xc3 ♞a7 37.♜d1 ♞b5 38.♞c1 ♞a2 39.♞c2 ♞a1+ 40.♞c1 ♞a2 41.♞c2 ♞a1+ 42.♞c1 ♞a2 1/2 : 1/2 Can, Emre 2600 - Sjogirov, Sanan 2674, Moscow 2020) 23...♜c4 24.♞xc4 dxc4 25.♞xc4 ♜d8 26.♞xc6 ♞xc6 27.♞xc6 ♞a2+ 28.♜c2 ♞c8 29.♞xc8+ ♜xc8 1/2 : 1/2 Mueller, Gerhard O - Paap, Michael, corr 2017/18; 21.♞c3 ♜a4 22.♞xc6 ♞xc6 23.♞c1 ♞xb5 24.♞xb5+ ♜d8 25.♞c6 ♜xb2 26.♜xb2 ♞xh2 27.g3 ♞f2 28.f4 (28.e4 ♞xf3 29.exd5 exd5 30.♞c3 ♞f2 31.♞e3 ♞b8

32.♔a5+ ♕c8 33.♖c3+ ♖b7= Walczak,Piotr - Gerola,Giorgio, corr 2019) 28...g5 29.♖a6 ♖xa6
 30.♔xa6 gxf4 31.exf4 ♕d6= Wang,Shixu B 2370 - Arjun Kalyan 2483, Mumbai 2019) 21...♖hb8
 22.exd5 ♜xd5 23.♜f4 ♖xb5 24.♔xb5 ♜c3+ 25.♖xc3 ♖a1+ 26.♕xa1 ♖a5+ 27.♕b1 ♖xb5 28.♖hc1
 ♜xd4 29.♔e3 ♜f5 30.♖c7+ ♕e8 31.♖c8+ ♕d8= Ellis,James - Ledford,Steven, corr 2019

17.h4! b5 18.h5 g5



19.♕a1! Followed by Bb1 and Qd3, a typical idea from the IQP structures! 19...♜b6? I think this knight was needed to cover h7 via f8.

19...♜a5 20.♖d1 ♖b6 21.♔b1 b4 is still bad but looks better than the game continuation.

20.♔b1 ♜c4 21.♔e1 ♔f6

21...f5 May have been the last try.

22.♖d3 ♖fd8 23.b3 ♜d6 24.♔b4! Now it is over.

24...♕f8 25.♔c5 e5 26.♜c3 ♜e7 27.♖h7 ♕e8 28.♖he1 ♕d7 29.dxe5 ♔xe5 30.♔d4 ♔xd4 31.exd4
 ♖a5 32.♕b2 ♖e8 33.♖xg7 ♖b4 34.♔d3 ♜c4+ 35.♔xc4 bxc4 36.♖xf7 cxb3 37.♖e6+ ♕d8 38.a3
 ♖b8 39.♜xd5 ♖xc1 40.♖xc1 ♜g8 41.♖xa6 1-0

Under no circumstance I meant to chose 3 games in a row by Sam Shankland, but as I mentioned previously his recent performance at the World Cup was amazing, so I guess the eyes were on him for a little bit. I found this to be a nice victory and that should be examined in some detail.

D45

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782) - Shankland, Samuel (2709)
Saint Louis (rapid), 2021

1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 e6 3.♜f3 d5 4.♜c3 c6 5.e3 ♜bd7 6.♖c2 ♔d6 7.b3 O-O 8.♔e2 b6 9.O-O ♔b7 10.♔b2

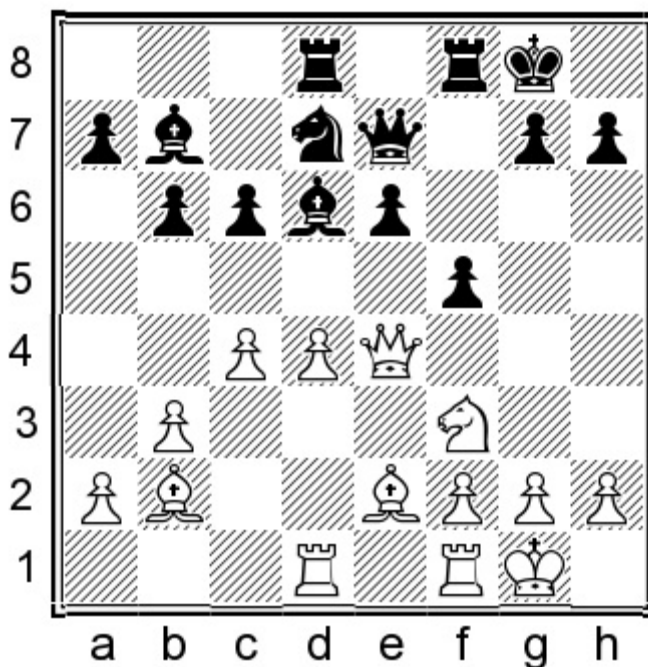
Everything is theoretical so far, but here Sam chose **10...♖e7**

as opposed to Korobov's choice against Mamedyarov earlier this year at the Croatia GCT. 10...♖e8 11.♖ad1 ♖e7 12.♖fe1 c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.♟b5 ♟b8 15.♟d3 a6 16.♟c3 ♟d6 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.♟e2 ♖ac8 19.♟g3 g6 20.♖e2 (20.♖b1?! c4 21.bxc4 (21.♟c2 c3 22.♟a1 ♟e5 23.♟d4 ♟fg4 24.h3 ♟xf2-+ Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2782 - Korobov,Anton 2683, Zagreb (blitz) 2021) 21...dxc4+ 20...a5 21.♟b5 ♟xg3 22.hxg3 ♟c6 23.♟xc6 ♖xc6=

11.♖ad1 ♖ad8 12.e4

12.♖fe1 is a nice idea used often in correspondence chess. White delays the central break in order to keep Black passive a bit longer. 12...♖fe8 13.♟f1 c5! 14.cxd5 exd5 15.g3 ♖c8 16.♟h3 cxd4 17.♟xd4 (17.exd4 ♟e4 18.♖d3 ♖d8 19.♟f5 ♟xc3 20.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 21.♟xc3 g6 22.♖e1 ♖d8 23.♟h3 ♖c7 24.♟d2 ♟f6 25.♟g5 ♟b4 1/2 : 1/2 Stalmach, Kamil - Riccio,Eros, corr 2018) 17...♟b4 18.f3 (18.♟de2?! ♟e4 19.♖f1 (19.a3? ♟xf2 20.axb4 ♟xh3+ 21.♟f1 ♖xe3 22.♖f5 ♟f6 23.♟c1 ♟g4 24.♖d3 d4 25.♖ed1 ♖g1+ 26.♟xg1 ♟xh2# 0 : 1 Andersen,Mads 2579 - Salinas Herrera,Pablo 2514, Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 2021) 19...♖ed8+ 18...a6 19.♖c1 g6 20.♖f2 h5 21.♖c2 ♖cd8 22.♟f1 1/2 : 1/2 Standke,Wolfgang - Dijon,Jean-Michel, corr 2018/19

12...dxe4 13.♟xe4 ♟xe4 14.♖xe4 f5



15.♖e3?! This doesn't seem to be the best position for White's queen, and Sam made sure to take advantage of her bad placement.

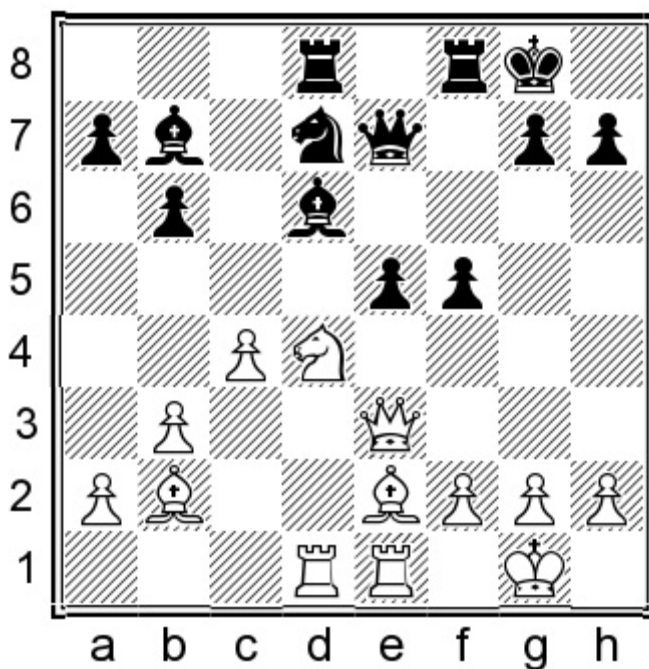
15.♖h4 leads to an equal endgame 15...♖xh4 16.♟xh4 ♟e7 17.♟f3 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.cxd5 ♟f6 20.♟c1 ♟e5 21.♟xe5 ♟xe5 22.♟c4 f4 23.g3 ♖f5 24.g4 ♖ff8 25.♖de1 ♟c3 26.d6+ ♟h8 27.♖e7 ♟c6 28.♖c7 ♟f3 29.h3 g5 30.d7 ♟g7 31.♖xa7 ♖f6 32.♟h2 ♖d6 33.♟b5 ♟f7 34.♖c7 ♟e7 35.♖c8 ♟b7 36.♖c7 ♟e4 37.♖c8 ♖d4 38.h4 h6 39.♖g1 ♟b7 40.♖c7 ♟d5= Yasakov, Igor - Balutescu,Mihail Goanga, corr 2017/18

While **15.♔c2** is the alternative to maintain ideas of the c5 advance alive. **15...♘f6 16.♖fe1**∞

15...c5 16.♖fe1?! This move allows Black to take control over the centre and in a couple moves White's position collapsed.

White has to go for the typical **16.d5 e5 17.g3** though Black will have attacking ideas with f4 (especially now coming with tempo).

16...cxd4 17.♘xd4 e5!



18.♘b5?? Seems like a natural move. Yet it allows Black to take control of the game after

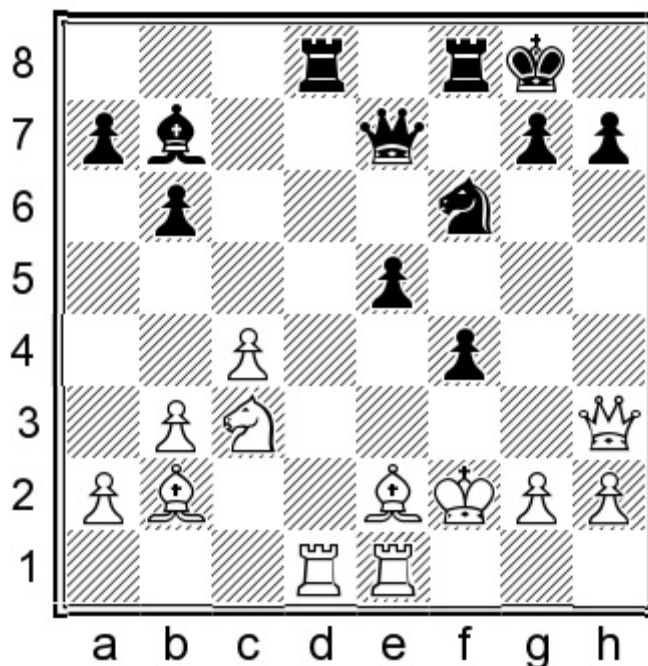
18.♙d3 Had to be played as White needs to find a way to keep the pressure on Black's centre.

18...♙c5 19.♖h3 g6 20.♘c2 h5 21.b4 ♙d6∞

18...♙c5! 19.♖g3 f4 20.♖h3 ♘f6 21.♘c3?? This loses immediately.

21.♖h4 h6 22.♙f1 (22.a3 ♖xd1 23.♙xd1 ♔d8 24.♖f1 ♙e4!-+) **22...♖xd1 23.♖xd1 f3** is equally hopeless though.

21...♙xf2+! 22.♔xf2



22...♕c8! - and now White's queen is simply trapped.

23.♖xd8

23.♕f3 ♖g4+ 24.♔g1 ♕c5+-+

23...♖xd8 24.g4

24.♕f3 ♖g4+ 25.♔g1 ♕h4-+

24...♖d2 25.♖d1 ♕xg4 0-1

A nice win by the former US Champion Sam Shankland.

I think this game really shows Nakamura's dominant play. This was one of my favorite positional games where he achieved some edge by making use of a small mistake of the opponent, keep Black's king in the centre and brought in the pieces without allowing his opponent chances to come back into the game.

D28

Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758)
Saint Louis (rapid), 2021

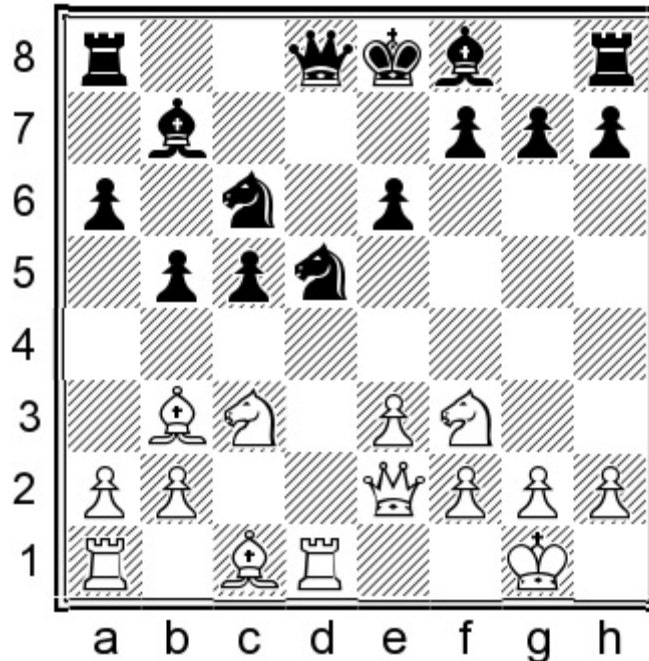
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.♖f3 ♖f6 4.e3 e6 5.♕xc4 c5 6.O-O ♖c6 7.♖c3 a6 8.♕e2 b5 9.♕b3 ♕b7 10.d5!?

A good choice for a rapid game. Now, Black needs to play accurately.

10...♖xd5

10...exd5 Engines approve of this move on high depth but this is practically hard to play. 11.e4 d4 12.e5 ♖g4 13.♕g5 ♕c8 14.♖d5 c4 15.♕xc4 bxc4 16.♕xc4 h6 17.♕f4 ♕d7 18.♖fd1 g5 19.♕g3 ♕g7 20.♖xd4 ♖gxe5 21.♕xe5 ♕xe5 22.♖f3 ♖f8 23.♖b4 ♕e6 24.♕c5+ ♖g7= Mikhailov, Grigory - Mayorov, Boris, corr 2016

11.♖d1



11...♜b8?? Dominguez might have mixed up some lines or felt the pressure of the pin on his queen.

The only move that makes sense here in my opinion is 11...♙e7 12.♙xd5 exd5 13.♘xd5 O-O 14.a4 ♘a5 15.♘xe7+ ♜xe7 16.axb5 axb5 17.♜xb5 ♙a6 18.♜a4 ♙e2 19.♞e1 ♙xf3 20.gxf3 ♜b7 21.♜e4 ♜xe4 22.fxe4 ♘b3 23.♞xa8 ♞xa8 24.e5 h6 25.♙g2 ♞a4= Matlakov,Maxim 2699 - Popov,Ivan 2608, Russia 2018

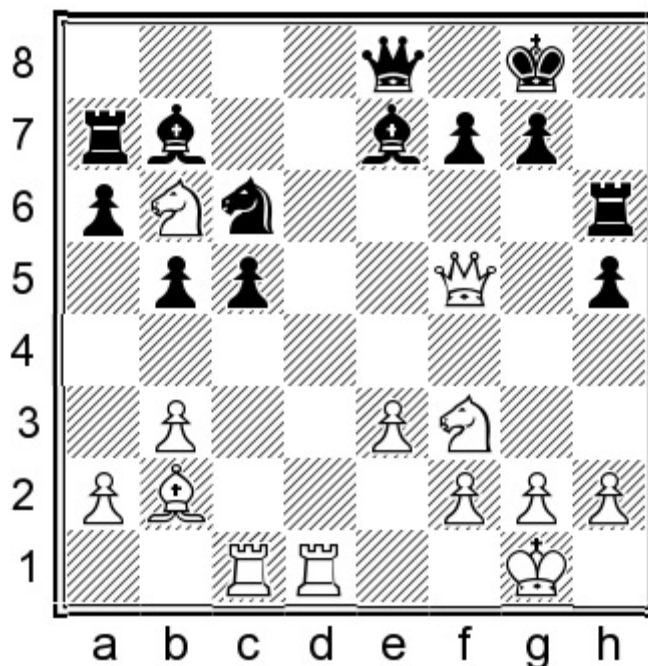
12.♙xd5 exd5 13.♘xd5 Having the bishop pair is not enough for Black to maintain equality in this position considering that he is quite behind with development, especially given that his king is in the centre.

13...♙d6 14.♘b6! Nakamura uses the power of threat to secure a winning position.

14...♞a7 15.♜d3 ♙e7 16.♜d7+ ♙f8 17.♜f5 Now that Black's king is bound to remain in the centre, White has sufficient time to finish his development and maintain the pressure. All of Black's pieces are uncoordinated.

17...♙g8 18.b3 h5 A typical way to try to activate the h8-rook, though it won't be sufficient for Black's defence.

19.♙b2 ♞h6 20.♞ac1 ♜e8



21.♞d5! It was time to bring back the knight.

21...♙f8 22.♚g5 ♛e6 23.♞f4 ♛g4 24.h3

Normally keeping the queens on the board would help White's attack, but Nakamura chose a dominant endgame. 24.♞xc5 ♙xc5 25.♚xc5 ♞a8 26.h3 ♛c8 27.♚g5+- was easier but hard to see in a rapid game.

24...♚xg5 25.♞xg5 ♙a8 26.♙a3! A typical provocative move. Black is doomed in long run due to weak pawn structure and the c5-pawn falling shortly.

26...b4 27.♙b2 a5 28.♞e4 a4 29.♞xc5 - and with the extra pawn it was just a matter of technique.

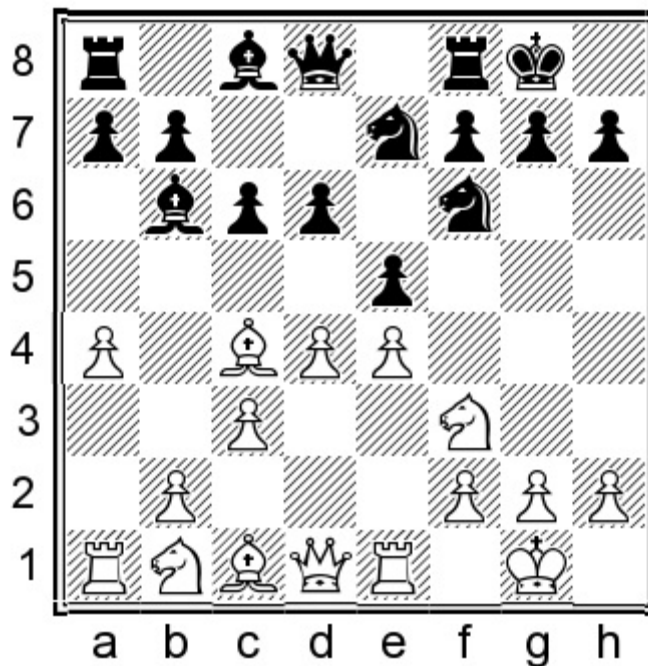
29...axb3 30.axb3 h4 31.♞d7 ♙e7 32.♞b6 ♙b7 33.♞d7 ♞d6 34.♞xd6 ♙xd6 35.♞c8 ♙xc8 36.♞xc6 ♙c7 37.♞d5 1-0



Hikaru Nakamura vs Leinier Dominguez Perez, Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz 2021; Photo by Crystal Fuller

C54
Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Xiong, Jeffery (2710)
Saint Louis (rapid), 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♗f6 4.d3 ♙c5 5.c3 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.♖e1 ♗e7 8.d4 ♙b6 9.a4 c6 As I mentioned previously the two key concepts are tactical alertness and sharp wit to sense the requirements of each position. In this game, Leinier Dominguez shows his deep opening knowledge and positional understanding to secure a clearly better position.



10.dxe5! ♖g4 11.♗f1 ♜xe5 12.♜xe5 dxe5 13.♚xd8! This is a smart judgement call.

13...♗xd8 14.a5 ♕c7 15.♕e3 Because of the weakness on a7, White has a long-lasting advantage.

15...♕d7 16.♗d1 ♕g4 17.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 18.♜d2 ♜c8 19.f3 ♕d7 20.b4 ♖f8 21.♖f1 ♖e7 22.♖e2 f6 23.♖d1

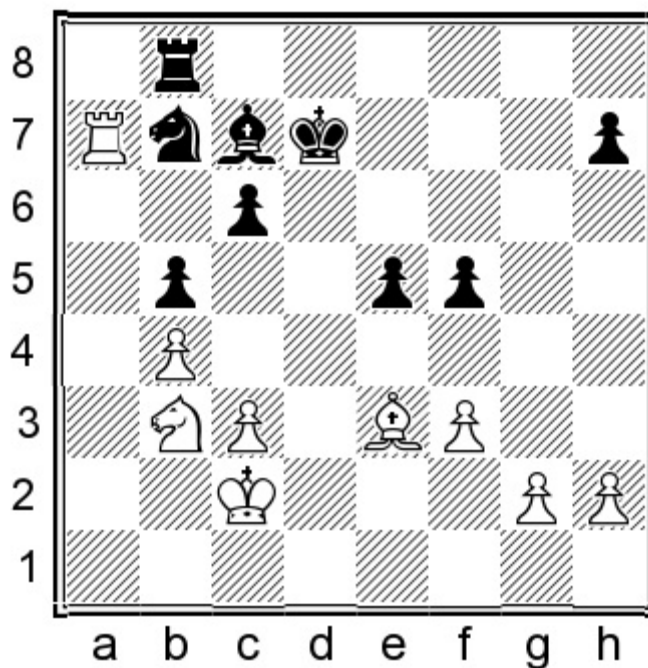
23.g4!? Seeking a second weakness seems more principled. 23...b6 24.axb6 ♕xb6 25.♕d3 ♜d6 26.c4±

23...♕e6 24.♕xe6 ♖xe6 25.♖c2 g6 26.♜b3 b6 27.axb6 axb6 28.♗a6 f5 29.♜d2 ♖d7 30.♜c4 b5 31.♜d2 Now the c5-point is weak. Xiong is trying his best but the position remains practically unpleasant and hard to defend.

31...♜d6? The decisive mistake.

32.♜b3 ♜b7 33.♗a7 ♖c8

33...♗b8 34.exf5! gxf5



35.g4! fxg4 36.fxg4 e4 37.h4 ♖c8 38.h5 ♘d6 39.♘c5+-

34.♘a5! ♘xa5 35.bxa5 fxe4 36.fxe4 ♜f8 37.♞a8+ ♚b8 38.a6 1-0

A neat win by Dominguez.

A06
So, Wesley (2772) - Caruana, Fabiano (2806)
Saint Louis (blitz), 2021

This was a blitz game, but contains some interesting moments.

1.♘f3 d5 2.e3 c5 3.b3 ♘c6 4.♙b5 ♙d7 5.♙b2 e6 6.c4 ♘ge7 7.cxd5

7.O-O would allow 7...d4 8.exd4 ♘xd4 9.♘xd4 cxd4 10.♞h5 ♘f5 with the d4-pawn protected, Black has a solid position.

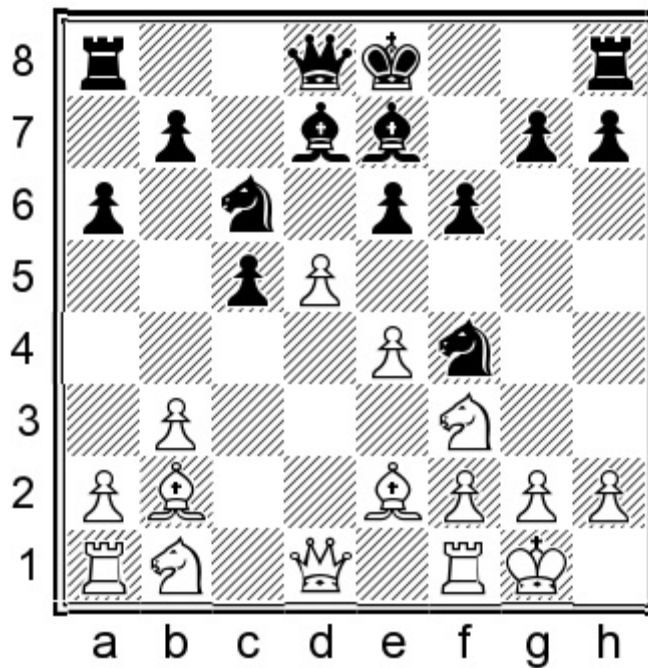
7...♘xd5 8.O-O a6 9.♙e2 f6?! I have seen this idea many times, and I remember playing something similar as well, but given that White supports d4, it seems rather odd.

9...♙d6 would have been more natural as 10.♙xg7 ♜g8 11.♙b2 e5 12.d3 ♙h3 does give Black annoying attacking ideas. 13.g3 h5!☞ (13...♙xf1 14.♙xf1± and surprisingly Black's attack is gone and he has too many weak squares in his camp.)

10.d4 ♙e7 11.e4?!

11.dxc5 ♙xc5 12.♞c2 ♞e7 13.♞c1 ♙b6 14.♘c3 ♘xc3 15.♙xc3 O-O 16.b4!± And White has some risk-free pressure on the queenside.

11...♘f4 12.d5



12...♖d4! 13.♗xd4 cxd4 14.dxe6?!

14.♗xd4 This is a balanced duel but good luck finding all the in between moves in a blitz game!

14...exd5 15.♗f3 ♗b5 16.♖e1 ♘d3 17.♖e3 dxe4 18.♘c3! ♙xd4 19.♘xb5 ♙c5! 20.♗xe4 ♘xf2 21.♙xf2 ♖d8! 22.♙e2 axb5 23.♙f1∞

14...♗xe6 15.♗f3

15.g3 White's king safety should have been considered before the bishop pair, in my opinion.

15...♘xe2+ 16.♙xe2 ♙b6 17.♖d1 ♖d8 18.♘a3 O-O 19.♘c2 ♗c5 20.♘e1∞

15...♗c5 Now Black is better, as d4-pawn is very strong in conjunction with the knight on f4.

16.g3 ♘h3+ 17.♙h1 O-O 18.♗g2 ♙d7 19.f4 ♗g4 20.♙d3 ♙b5! The d-pawn is going to be unstoppable.

21.♙d2 ♗b4! 22.♙xd4 ♖fd8 23.♙c4+ ♙xc4 24.bxc4 ♖ac8 White is way behind in development.

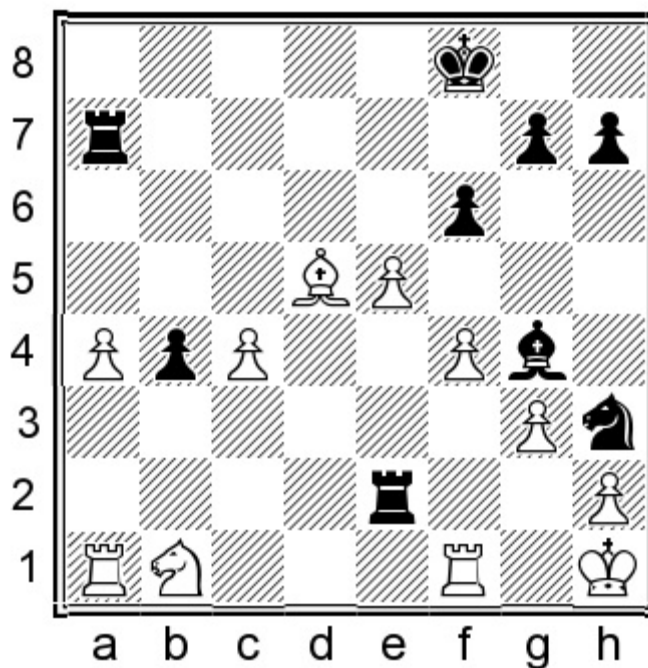
25.♗a3 a5 26.♗xb4 axb4 27.a3 ♖a8??⊕ The time pressure and nerves kicked in most likely.

27...b3 28.♘c3 ♖xc4 29.♘d5 b2 30.♖ab1 ♖c2 31.♘e3 ♖xg2! 32.♙xg2 ♖d2+ 33.♙h1 ♗e2-+

28.e5 ♖d3 29.♗xb7 ♖a7 30.♗e4??⊕ Mutual blunders in severe time pressure.

30.♗d5+ ♙f8 31.♖a2∞

30...♖e3 31.♗d5+ ♙f8 32.a4 ♖e2

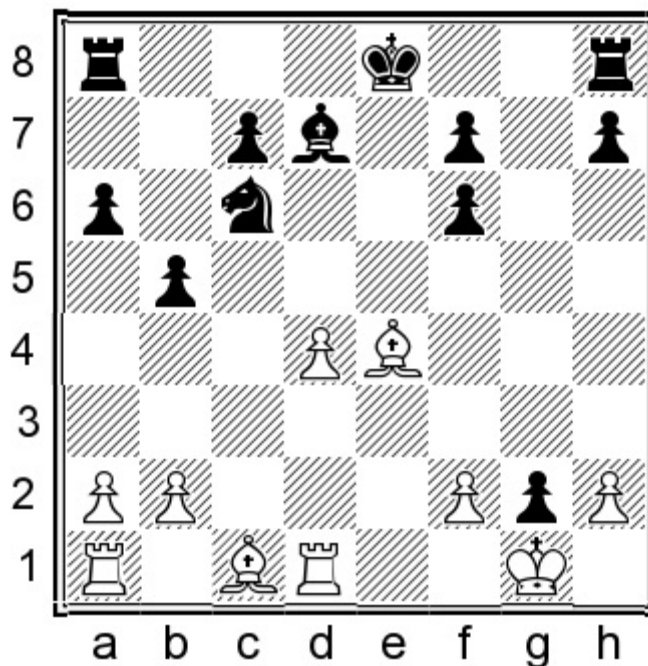


33.♔f3?? Throws the towel but it was already very bad.

33.a5 and White is still in the game.

33...♔xf3+ 34.♖xf3 ♖d7 35.♖f1 ♖d3 36.a5 ♖b3 37.♘d2 ♖xd2 38.♖ab1 ♖a3 39.♖a1 ♖xa1 40.♖xa1 b3 41.a6 ♖a2 42.♖b1 b2 43.a7 ♘f2+ 44.♔g2 ♘d3 0-1

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This is an interesting position that arose from the Morphy Defence.

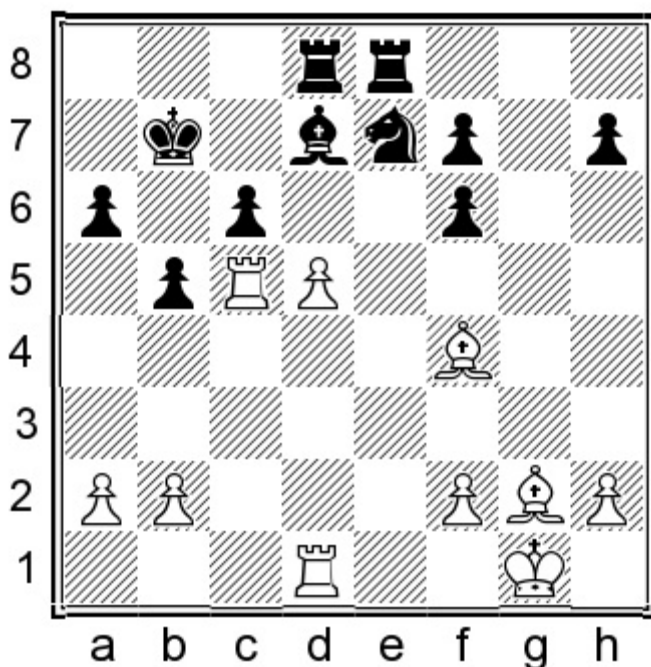
Here, Caruana chose **16...O-O-O** defending the c7 weakness while bringing the rook to put pressure on d4. Although Black's king may seem not at ease with the c-file opened, Black is OK.

16...♖c8 Was an interesting alternative played earlier this year. **17.♙f4 ♜e7 18.♙b7 ♜b8 19.♙xg2 ♜c8 20.d5 ♜g8 21.♙g3 ♜f5 22.♜ac1 ♜xg3 23.fxg3 ♙e7 24.♞d4 ♜g6 25.♜xc7 ♜xc7 26.d6+ ♙d8 27.dxc7+ ♙xc7 28.♙f2 a5 29.♜h4 h6 30.a3 ♜g4 31.♜xg4 ♙xg4=** Hovhannisyan,Robert 2642 - Petrosyan,Manuel 2628, Armenia (ch) 2021

While **16...♜g8** was Black's attempt in a correspondence game: **17.♙e3 O-O-O 18.♜ac1 ♜e7 19.♙f4 c6 20.♙d6 ♜g6 21.♙xc6 ♙g4 22.♙e8+ ♙b7 23.♜c7+ ♙b6 1/2 : 1/2** Visser,Anton - Lonnee,Gerard, corr 2017/18

17.♙f4 ♜he8 18.♙xg2 This is not the type of position we often see. Black has an extra doubled pawn, but White has the bishop pair that keeps things unbalanced. It is important for Black to find a way to keep the queenside safe.

18...♜e7 19.♜ac1 c6 20.d5 ♙b7 21.♜c5 I think this is a key moment in this game, where Black had to find the only moves.



21...cxd5?

21...♙e6!? **22.dxc6+ ♙c8** giving the pawn back, but keeping the c-file closed and with it White's opportunity to activate the rooks. **23.♜cc1 ♜xd1+ 24.♜xd1 ♜g8** and despite the strong passed c-pawn, I think keeping the rooks on the board could make it difficult for White to progress in this position. (**24...♜d8 25.♜xd8+ ♙xd8 26.♙e4±** I think here, White's bishop pair is quite strong to continue exerting pressure on Black's destroyed pawn structure.)

22.♙xd5+ ♙c6 23.♙xc6+ ♜xc6 24.♜xd8

Everything was forced until here, but I found Black's choice **24...♜xd8?!** a bit odd as it allows

White's rook on the 7th rank!

24...♖xd8 25.♖h5 ♘e5 26.♖xh7 ♘c6 27.♙f1 ♘d5 28.♙xe5 ♘xe5 29.♖xf7 ♖d1+ 30.♙e2 ♖b1 I believe it would have been an easy way to a draw.

25.♖c7+ ♘b6 26.♖d7 b4? This is a questionable choice as it leaves Black paralysed.

26...♙c6 I am all for giving up material and gaining some activity rather than staying passive especially in endgames. 27.♖d6+ ♙c5 28.♖xa6 ♖e2 29.♙e3+ ♙d5 30.♖a3 ♘c6 31.♖d3+ ♙e5 32.♖c3 ♙d6 I am confident that Black should be able to hold, though with a bit of difficulty.

27.♙f1 ♙b5 28.♙e3 ♙c6 29.♖a7 ♙d5 Caruana tried for active play, but usually when you miss the right moment, it is difficult to expect the same results.

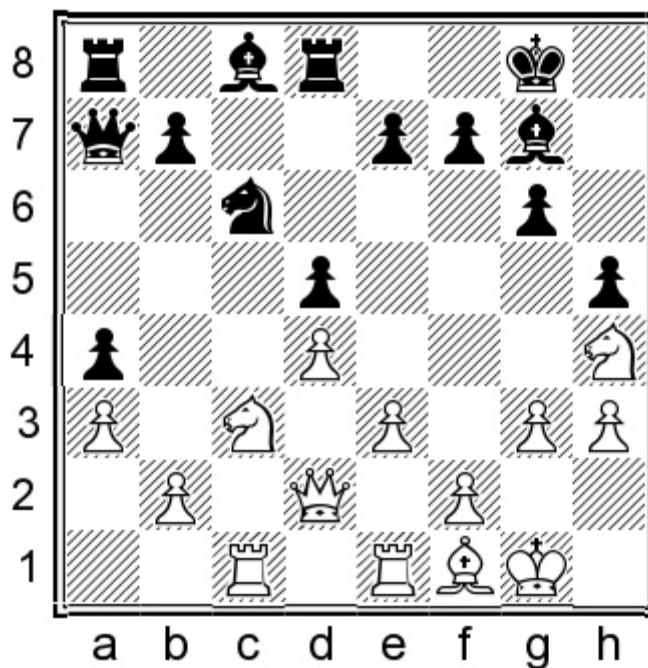
30.♖a8 From here on Nakamura converted the game with ease.

30...♖f8 31.♙h6 ♖e8 32.♙d2 ♙c5 33.♙e3+ ♙b5 34.♖b8+ ♙c6 35.♖xb4 ♘e6 36.♖b6+ ♙d5 37.♖xa6 f5 38.♖a5+ ♙e4 39.♙e2 ♘f4+ 40.♙xf4 ♙xf4+ 41.♙f1 ♖c8 42.♖a4+ ♙e5 43.♖b4 1-0



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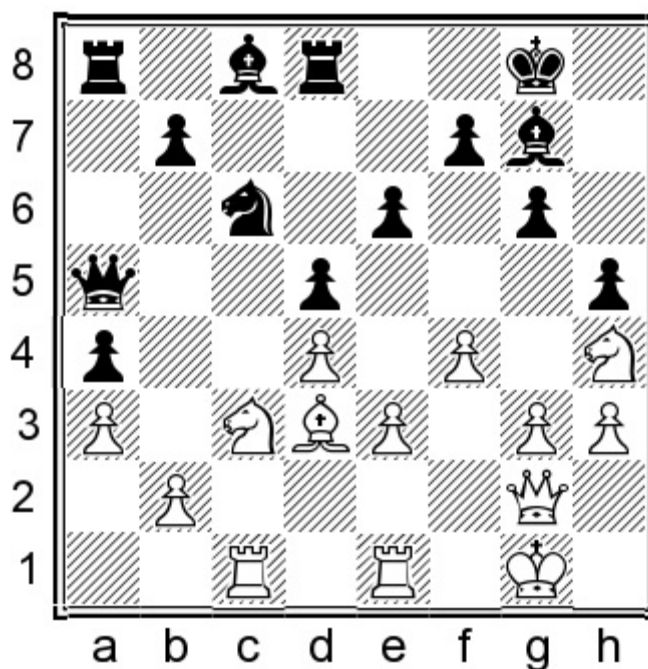


Nakamura's consistency was the key to his success in this event. In this game, he outplayed Svidler by demonstrating a simple but very effective plan. Despite lacking the bishop pair, White is in control of this position and after **24.f4!** meant to stop Black's plan with e5, Black seems to be out of ideas.

24...♔a5 25.♔g2! With the position without good pawn breaks for Black, White can slowly focus on his own break on the king side; now preparing g4.

25...e6 26.♘d3?! In my opinion this wasn't a necessary move, but more like a waste of time.

26.g4 would have been crushing similarly to the game.



26...♘e7?? Svidler most likely feared sacrifices on g6 and failed to find the right time to

counterattack on the queen side.

26...b5! would have been Black's only attempt to keep his chances alive. You know what they say: when they attack you on the flank, counterattack in the center or on the other side of the board. 27.g4 (27.♙xb5? Svidler might have missed this small nuance. 27...♘xd4! 28.exd4 ♙xd4+ 29.♔h2 ♙xc3+ 27...hxg4 28.hxg4 b4 29.♘a2 bxa3 30.bxa3 ♙a6! And Black is back in the game.

27.g4! - and now the way White's pieces come to the attack seems so effortless, while Black cannot do much to prevent it.

27...hxg4 28.hxg4 ♙d7 29.♖f1 ♔b6 30.♘f3 ♖dc8 31.♙c2! Naka does not rush.

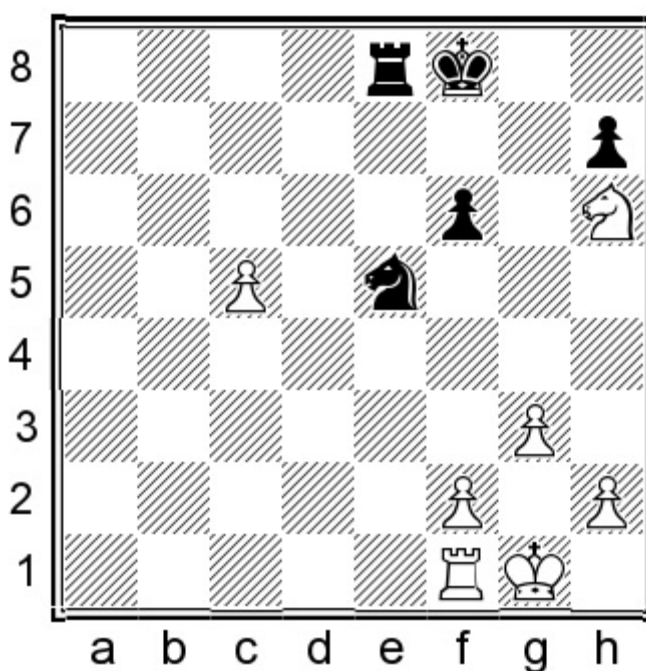
31...♙d8 32.♙h3 f6 Seems more weakening than helping the defence.

32...b5 this might have been the last attempt though a little late. 33.♖h2 b4 34.♙h7+ ♔f8 35.♘e2 bxa3 36.bxa3 ♘g8 37.♘e5 ♘f6 38.♙h4+- White of course is dominant, but it isn't over just yet.

33.♘h4 ♙e8 34.♖h2 ♙f7 35.♘f3 ♔d6 36.g5 f5 37.♘e5 ♖xc3 38.bxc3 ♔xa3 39.♙h7+ ♔f8 40.♘d7+ ♔e8 1-0

When you play a really good game and outplay your opponent as Svidler did against Mamedyarov, but in a matter of seconds things turn around, we are tempted to say chess is a cruel game! Maybe it is, but that is one of the reasons we are all so attracted to it?!

Svidler, Peter (2714) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782)
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In this position Svidler is not only up two pawns, but he also had ample amount of time on the clock. However, his next few decisions were questionable.

42.♖c1 ♜c8 43.♟f5? The first mistake that allows Black to recoup a very important pawn.

With 43.♖c3 White would have controlled the d3-square and kept his passed pawn secure. He could later follow with Nf5, which of course is needed to bring the knight back into play! 43...♞c6 (43...♞d7 wouldn't help Black as 44.c6 ♞b8 45.c7 ♞a6 46.♖c6!+- and the c-pawn doesn't fall without gaining another one, which would clear the position a little bit more on the way to a win for White.) 44.♟f5+- followed by g4 to stabilise the knight. Once White brings the king closer to the centre, White should be able to cruise to victory.

43...♞d3 44.♖a1 ♜xc5 Now, with only an extra pawn and on the same side of the board things are more complicated.

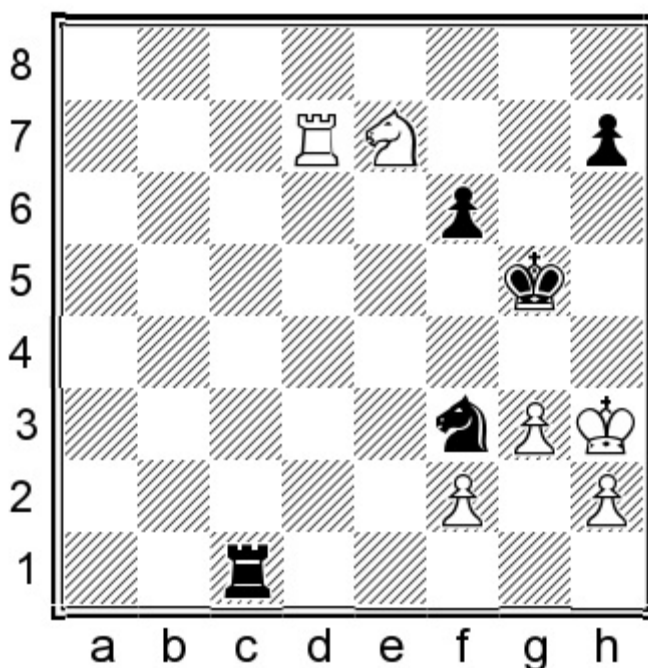
45.♖a8+ ♔f7 46.♖a7+ ♔g6 White still has chances to improve his position, but should not forget about Black's try to activate all his pieces and create some pressure on f2, so a bit more precise play is required.

47.♞e7+?! This is not the best decision, inviting Black's king into White's territory without a clear plan or keeping the pieces coordinated.

Despite it's location 47.♞h4+ helps Black's to keep defending his weaknesses as follows: 47...♔g5 48.♖g7+ ♔h6 49.♖f7 ♔g5 50.h3 trying to create some mating net. 50...f5 (50...♖c2?? allows for a nice finish 51.♖g7+ ♔h5 52.♞f5 and the mate is inevitable.) 51.♔g2 now it is clear that Black has to stay passive, while White will try to slowly improve.

47...♔g5 48.♞g8?⊕

48.♞d7 is the engine's only suggestion to maintain the advantage, but it isn't an easy move to go for in time trouble. 48...♖c1+ 49.♔g2 ♞e1+ 50.♔h3 (50.♔f1 ♞f3+) 50...♞f3



51.♞d5! back trying to put pressure on the f6 weakness and passivise Black, so that White can find

his way back to push the pawns on the kingside.

48...♙g6

Repeating the position to gain some time, but... 48...♞c2! 49.♞g7+ ♙f5 50.♜h6+ ♙e6 and Black's counterplay suffices for a draw.

49.♜e7+ ♙g5

Once the opportunity was given again, Svidler went for the correct: **50.♞d7! ♞c3 51.♜d5?**

51.♙g2! as now Black doesn't have the opportunity to focus on attacks on f2, White should take advantage to bring in the most important piece into play! 51...♜e1+ 52.♙f1 ♜f3 53.♜d5! ♞c2 54.♞xh7+-

51...♞c1+ 52.♙g2 ♞c2! This is the difference, that now Black has enough play on f2.

53.h4+ ♙h6? This was a tough moment for Svidler, as he intended to go Kf3, but he immediately spotted the fork on e5. Dejected and disgusted he kept the king in his hand for some time and then dropped it on g1, but by then he was already flagged! A tragic start for Svidler but his comeback in this event was just impressive!

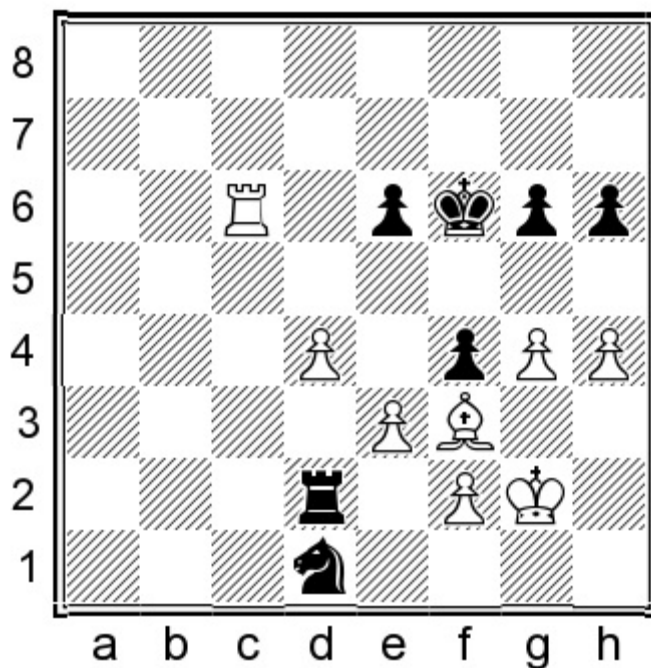
53...♙g6 54.♜e7+ ♙f7 55.♞xd3 ♙xe7 and this endgame should end in a draw!

54.♙g1⊕

54.♜e3 would have kept the game going as follows: 54...♞xf2+ 55.♙g1 ♜e5 56.♞xh7+ ♙xh7 57.♙xf2 but this should end in a draw.

0-1

Shankland, Samuel (2709) - Le, Quang Liem (2709)
Saint Louis (rapid), 2021



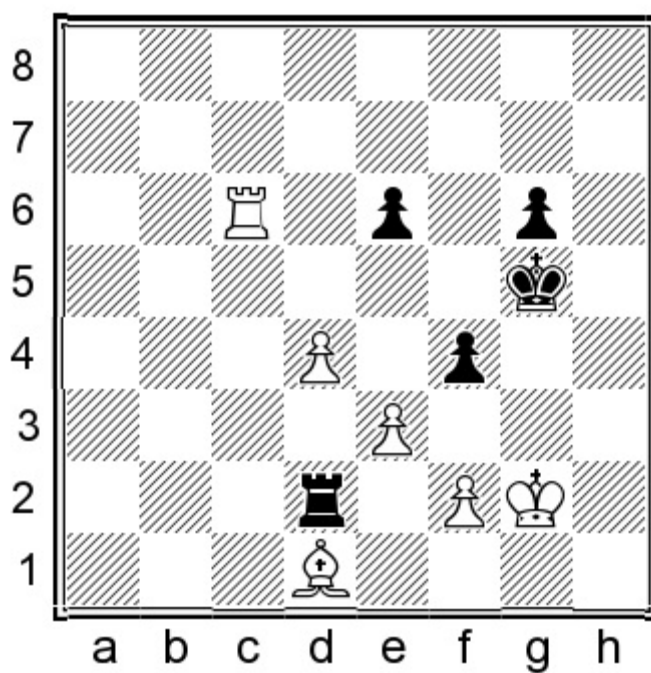
After a series of forced moves a drawn pawn ending ensues. But, White could do better...

41.g5+??

41.♙xd1 ♖xd1 42.g5+ hxg5 43.hxg5+ ♕f5 44.♕f3;

41.exf4 ♜e3+ 42.♖g1 ♜c2 43.♞c7 g5 44.fxg5+ hxg5 45.h5 ♜xd4 46.♙e4 ♕e5 47.♙g2 ♜e2+ 48.♖h2 ♜f4 49.h6 ♜xg2 50.♖xg2 ♕f6 51.♞g7+-

41...hxg5 42.hxg5+ ♕xg5 43.♙xd1



43...♞xd1??

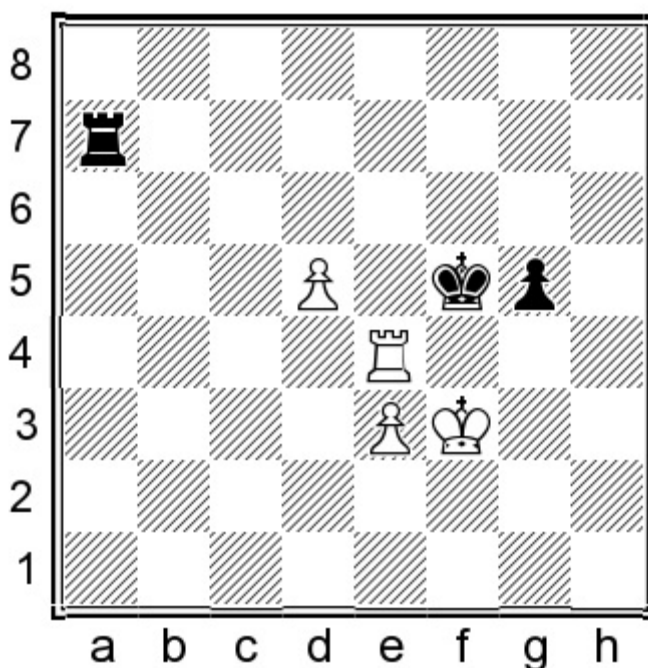
43...fxe3!! Would have drawn the game immediately. 44.♖xe6 ♔f4!! 45.♕a4 ♖xf2+ 46.♔g1 ♖d2 It is a perpetual. Not even a bishop + rook vs rook!

44.♖xe6 ♔f5 45.♖e5+?? This is an understandable blunder.

45.♖a6 fxe3 46.fxe3 g5 47.♔f3 g4+ 48.♔g3 ♖g1+ 49.♔f2 ♖d1 50.♖a5+ ♔f6 51.♔g3 ♖g1+ 52.♔f4+-

45...♔g4 46.♖e6 f3+ 47.♔h2 g5 - and it seemed that Le Quang Liem achieved a drawn ending, however most likely due to time pressure he blundered a few moves later...

48.♖e4+ ♔f5 49.♖e5+ ♔g4 50.d5 ♖f1 51.♖e4+ ♔f5 52.♖d4 ♖xf2+ 53.♔g3 ♖a2 54.♔xf3 ♖a7 55.♖e4! White sets up a devious trap and sadly for Le Quang, he falls in it.



55...♖d7??

Many moves should draw in this position, but not the one played in the game. 55...♖a1 seemed the most natural approach to place the rook on the 1st rank. There is no need to fear 56.♖d4 as now Black can return in front of the pawn, and Black's king is not cut off from the d-pawn anymore. So, a draw should be agreed on soon. 56...♖a8 57.e4+ (57.d6 ♖d8 58.e4+ ♔e6 59.♔g4 ♖xd6 60.♖xd6+ ♔xd6=) 57...♔e5 58.♖c4 ♖a3+ 59.♔g4 ♖a1=

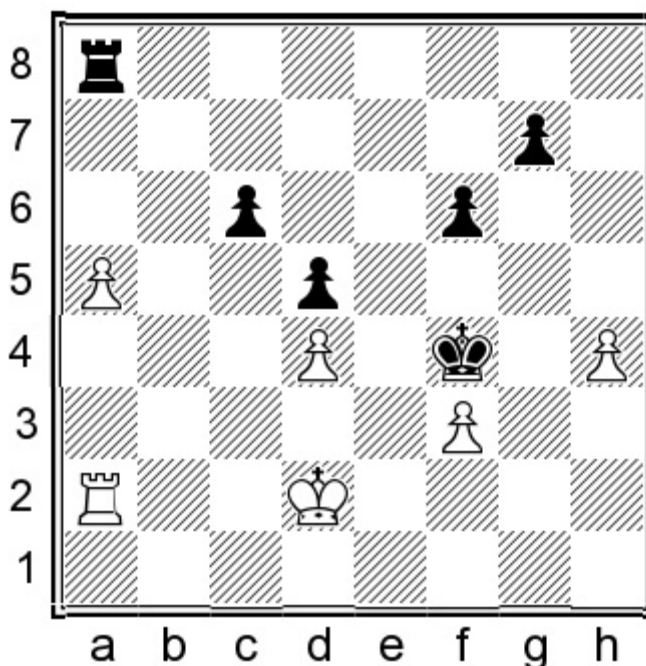
56.♖e8! We could say that a little bit of luck was necessary too for this idea to work, as the d5-pawn is untouchable and from here on it's just a matter of technique as Black's king cannot help with stopping of White's connected passed pawns.

56...g4+ 57.♔g3 ♖h7 58.e4+- ♔g5 59.♖e5+ ♔f6 60.♖f5+ ♔e7 61.♔xg4 ♔d6 62.♖f6+ 1-0

Rook endgames have always been something I liked looking into because there are plenty of clear ideas to follow, yet they are always so complicated in essence. When you think you have finally mastered the main concerns, you come across one where that specific idea you focused on so much, is

not working anymore. Please note that here I am only talking about myself and maybe other players find themselves in this remark too.

Caruana, Fabiano (2806) - Xiong, Jeffery (2710)
Saint Louis (blitz), 2021

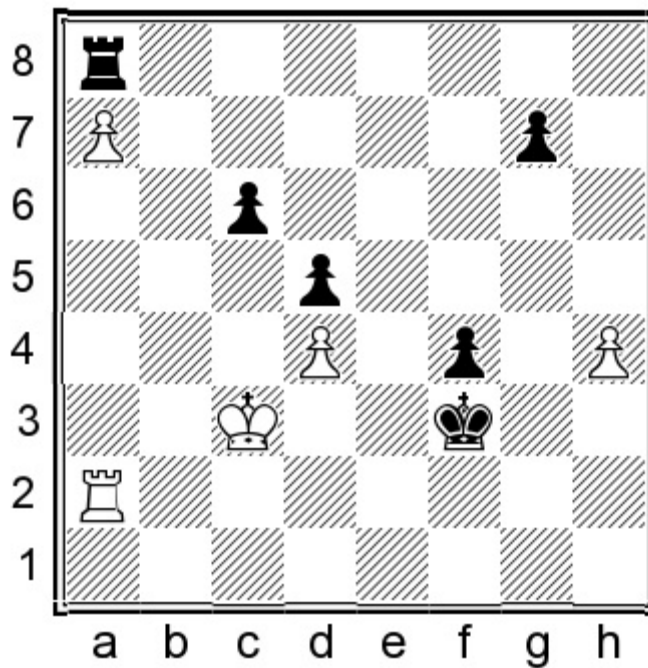


I found this position to be the perfect example. Looking at this position, White has the better placed rook and the passed pawn, while Black has in return the active king that is ready to take over the weaknesses on the kingside. Considering the time control of this game (blitz), Caruana's decision was to go for: **54.♔c3** Which may have seemed the right thing to do - support the passed pawn and free the rook, proved to be a wrong judgement as Black's **Kf4** showed to be more menacing than it appeared at first!

54.♔e2 had to be played and the endgame would probably finish in a draw as after: **54...♔g3** (**54...♖h8 55.a6 ♖xh4 56.♖a4 ♖h2+ 57.♔e1 ♖h8 58.a7 ♖a8 59.♔f2**) **55.a6 ♔xh4 56.a7 ♔g3** Black has sufficient activity on the kingside, but with his rook stuck on a8, there is no progress. Nothing can come from White's side either, as he has to protect the f3-pawn.

54...♔xf3 55.♔b4? Following the same wrong plan. It is difficult to admit the idea might have not been good, once you made it, especially in endgames, where almost every tempo matters.

55.a6 would have kept White's drawing chances alive. **55...f5 56.a7 f4**

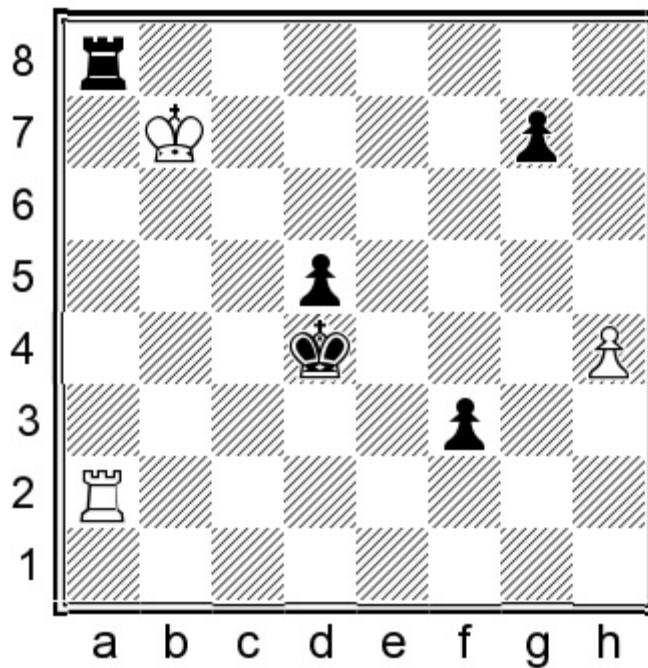


57.h5! This is a nice key move that puts Black somehow in a zugzwang and White is able to improve the position of his rook to the 6th rank to hold the game. 57...♔e3 (57...♔g4 58.♖g2+ ♔xh5 59.♖xg7 ♔h6 60.♖c7 ♔g5 61.♔b4 f3 62.♔c5 f2 63.♖f7 ♖xa7 64.♖xf2=) 58.♖a1 f3 (58...♔e2 would not help Black to make progress as there is no way to achieve that. 59.♖a2+) 59.♖e1+ ♔f4 60.♖e7 f2 61.♖f7+ ♔e3 62.♖e7+ ♔f3 63.♖f7+ ♔e2 64.♖e7+ ♔d1 65.♖f7=

55...f5 56.♔c5 ♔e3 57.♔xc6 ♔xd4? Letting the win slip away for a moment...

57...f4! 58.a6 f3 59.♖a3+ ♔f4 60.♔b7 f2 61.♖a1 ♖f8 62.a7 ♔e3-+

58.a6 f4 59.♔b7 ♖f8 60.a7 f3 61.a8=♖ ♖xa8 Objectively speaking, this is the right thing to do, but not in this position! Going against the rules that the rook behind the pawns stops them is the actual way to a draw!



62.♖xa8?? The difference is that now this is possible

62.♔xa8! ♔e3 and only now 63.♖a7! f2 64.♖e7+ ♔d2 65.♖f7 ♔e2 66.♖e7+ ♔d2 67.♖f7=

62...f2! 63.♖f8 ♔e3 64.♖e8+ ♔f3 65.♔c6

And the checks don't achieve the same effect as before, as now the g7-pawn is not under attack and Black can hide on the g-file. 65.♖f8+ ♔g2-+

65...d4 66.♔d5 d3 0-1

ELSHAN'S EXPLORATIONS

By GM Elshan Moradiabadi

SINQUEFILED CUP 2021

MVL 'subs' and wins for the second time, So wins the GCT

The last leg of Grand Chess Tour (GCT) took place at the Saint Louis Chess Club, in Saint Louis, Missouri from August 16th to 27th. The event was played right after Saint Louis rapid and Blitz with two changes in the line-up with respect to the former event. Le Quang Liem was replaced by Dariusz Swiercz. The St Louis based was the highest rated player available to replace the Vietnamese who had to go back to his full-time job at Webster University as the chief of their chess program. Also, Nakamura the winner of the rapid and blitz doesn't seem to so eager to take part in classical events these days. So, although he won the rapid and blitz event without a single loss, he only was the wildcard. Hence Vachier Lagrave was back to play his last event of the cycle.

The event saw a lot of ups and downs and exciting chess throughout, although it seemed that the players started running out of steam toward the end as we only had three decisive games in the last four rounds.

At the end, Maxime Vachier Lagrave won the Sinquefield Cup for the second time with six points out of nine. The Frenchman scored phenomenally with white scoring 4.5/5. He only conceded one loss to Leinier Dominguez, who tied 2nd with other two US players Wesley So and Fabiano Caruana, each scoring 5.5 out of 9. Dominguez also earned the best game prize of the event for his victory against Vachier Lagrave.

In the overall standing of the GCT, Wesley So won the Tour thanks to his consistent score (winning \$100k), while MVL made a massive comeback after finishing last in the first leg in Romania and finished second (\$50K). Mamedyarov had a rough time in both events in the US. Whether it was jet lag or COVID restrictions, but the Azeri super GM wasn't at his best and his score sufficed for the third place in GCT (25k).

The event showed that the two US 2700-rated players (Jeffery Xiong and Sam Shankland) are very well capable of holding their grounds in such a strong event. Although the two did not make it to the top of the table both scored important wins: Shankland beat Mamedyarov and Xiong won against Caruana.

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With this season coming to an end, the chess fans hope that COVID will allow them to see players in action more than ever in 2022.

A48
Caruana, Fabiano (2806) - Shankland, Samuel (2709)
Saint Louis, 2021

In my opinion this was the best game of the event for its educational values. Shankland chose a concrete line and he missed a tactical nuance in his favour, conceding to a solid position without advantage. After that, Caruana managed to gradually grind his edge into a full point!

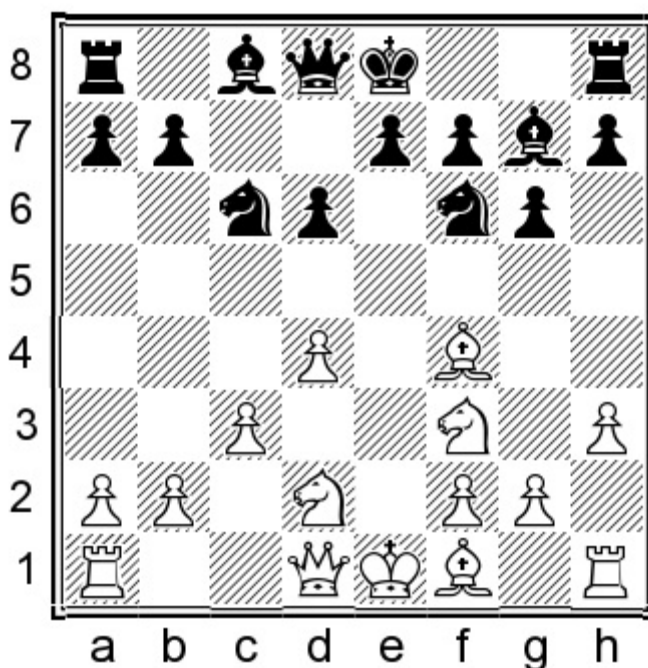
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♙f4 An unexpected choice from Caruana.

3...♙g7 4.e3 d6 5.h3 c5 6.♘bd2?! I am not sure if I like Caruana's move order.

6.♙e2! This move makes more sense. 6...♚b6 7.♘bd2 ♚xb2 8.♖b1 ♚c3 9.O-O ♚a5 (9...O-O?? 10.♘c4 Traps the queen.) 10.♘b3 ♚a3 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.♙b5+ ♙d7 13.♙c4 O-O 14.♘e5↑

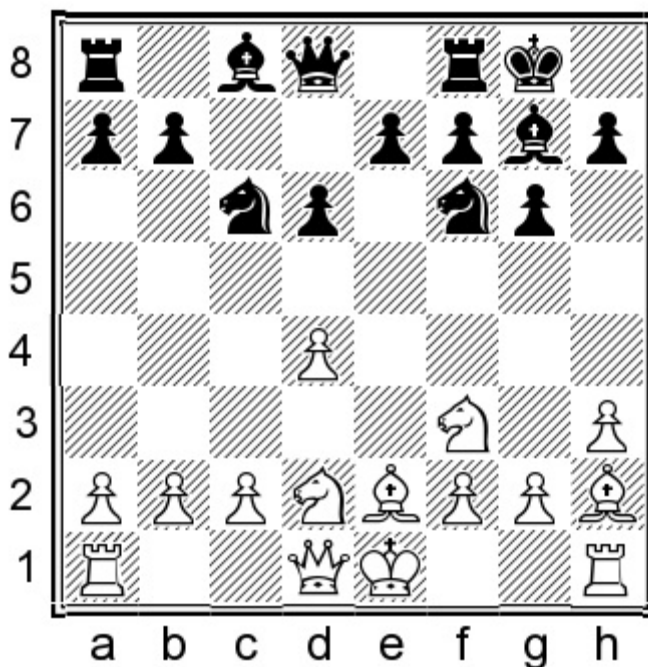
6...cxd4

6...♘c6!? 7.♙h2! (7.c3 cxd4 8.cxd4 (8.exd4



8...e5! This powerful move has proven strong in correspondence chess. 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.♙e3 (10.♘xe5 ♚e7 11.♚e2 ♘d5 12.♘xc6 ♚xe2+ 13.♙xe2 ♘xf4 14.♙f3 ♘d3+ 15.♙e2 ♘xb2 16.♘d4 O-O and Black should be close to winning thanks to his two bishops and White's weak queenside pawns.) 10...O-O 11.♙c4 ♘a5 (11...e4 12.♘d4 ♘d5 (12...♘e5 13.O-O (13.♙e2? ♘d5 14.♘c4 ♘xc4 15.♙xc4 ♘xe3 16.fxe3 ♚h4+ 17.♙d2 ♚g5 18.♚e2 ♙d7 19.♖af1 b5 20.♙b3 b4-- Myakinki,Nikolai 1753 - Sivuk,Vitaly 2582, Pavlodar 2019)) 13.O-O ♘xe3 14.fxe3 ♘a5 15.♚e2 ♘xc4 16.♚xc4 ♚g5 17.♘xe4 ♚xe3+ 18.♘f2 ♖e8 19.♚d5 ♙xd4 20.♚xd4 ♚xd4 21.cxd4 ♖e2 1/2 : 1/2 Scheiba,Manfred - Peterc,Ciril, corr 2014/15; 11...h6) 12.O-O ♚c7 13.♚a4 a6 14.♙e2 ♘d5 15.♘c4 ♘c6 16.♖fd1 ♙e6

17.♔a3 ♖xe3 18.♗xe3 h6 19.♙c4 1/2 : 1/2 Firsching,Guenter - Koestner, Wolfgang, corr 2012/13)
 8...O-O 9.♙c4 (9.♙e2 e5! 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♗xe5 ♖d5 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.♗c4 ♗xf4 14.exf4 ♔c7
 15.♔d2 ♙a6 16.O-O ♖ad8 17.♔c1 ♖fe8 18.♖e1 ♙xc4 19.♔xc4 ♖d4 20.♔c2 ♖xf4 and Black stands
 better as the b2 and f2 targets are far more accessible than c6.) 9...♔b6 While analysing this game, I
 realised that I myself had played this position in the past. 10.♔b3 ♔xb3 11.♙xb3 ♗a5!? 12.♙c2 ♗d5
 13.♙g3 ♙e6 14.O-O ♖fc8 7...cxd4 8.exd4 O-O 9.♙e2

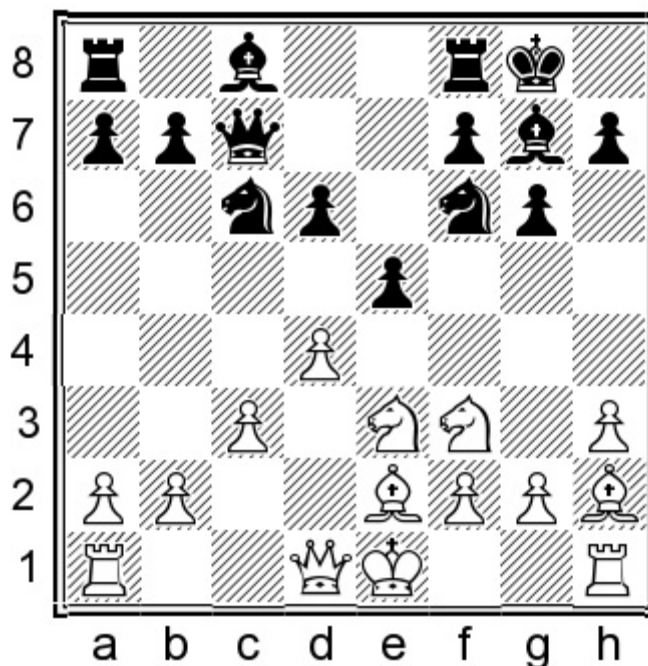


9...e5! 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♗xe5 (11.♗c4? e4 12.♗fe5 ♗d5 13.♗xc6 bxc6 14.O-O f5! (14...♔g5
 15.♔c1 ♔xc1 16.♖axc1 ♙a6 17.♖fe1 f5 18.c3 ♖ad8 19.♗f1 ♙h6 20.♖cd1 ♙f4 21.♗g1 ♗g7=
 Gralka,Przemyslaw 2289 - Wisniewski,Adam 1956, Polska 2012)) 11...♗xe5 12.♙xe5 ♔e7 13.♗f3
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 ♖e8 18.♖d1 ♙e6 19.♙b5 ♖e7 20.♔d2 ♙xa2 21.♔c2 ♙e6 22.♖fe1 ♖d8 23.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 24.♔c1 a6
 25.♙f1 h6 26.♔e3 ♖d7 27.♗e5 ♖d6= Owens,Johnny - Teverovski,Bogoljub, corr 2011/12) 17...♙e4
 18.♔c1 ♔c6 19.♔g5 ♙f6 20.♔g3 ♖d5 21.♗e3 ♖d2 22.♙c4 ♗g7 23.♖fd1 ♖ad8 24.♙b3 ♖xb2 25.♖xd8
 ♙xd8 26.♗c4 ♖b1+ 27.♖xb1 ♙xb1 28.♗e5 ♔d6= Woltmann,Michael - Zylla,Johannes, corr 2013

9.♗c4 ♔c7 10.♗e3 ♗c6 11.c3 e5 12.♙h2



12...♞e7? Shankland played conceptually rather than accurately.

12...exd4! 13.♟xd4 ♟xd4 14.♞xd4 ♟g4 15.♙xd6 (15.♞xd6?? ♙xc3+!-+) 15...♟xe3 16.fxe3 ♙xd4 17.♙xc7 ♙xe3 18.♞f1 ♙e6=

13.O-O e4 14.♟e1 d5 15.♟c2 Now, White's blockade is way too strong on e3 and that gives him a clear plan.

15...♙e6 16.♞e1! This is a preparation for the f3-push.

16...♟d7?! Again Shankland only makes a solid move.

16...♞ad8 Would have prevented the f3-push for now. 17.f3 exf3 18.♙xf3 ♟e4= and Black is fine.

17.f3 f5 18.fxe4 fxe4 19.♙f4 ♞f7 20.♞g3 ♟f6 21.♞f2 ♞d7 22.♞af1 ♞af8 23.♞h4 White's play was rather simple up to this point.

23...♟e8?! Another inaccuracy in a difficult position. However, Black's position is very hard to handle anyway.

23...♙h8 was a better waiting move.

24.♟g4 ♟d6 25.♟ce3 Now White has all of his 'dudes' in the party!

25...♟e7 26.♟e5 ♙xe5 27.♙xe5 ♟df5? Fosters the inevitable but Black was doomed to loss anyway.

28.♟g4! h5 29.♞g5 hxg4 30.hxg4 ♟g7 31.♞h6 ♟ef5 32.gxf5 ♞xf5 33.♞xf5 ♞xf5 34.♞xf5 ♙xf5 35.g4 ♙e6 36.♞xg6 ♞f7 37.♞h6 e3 38.♙f3 1-0

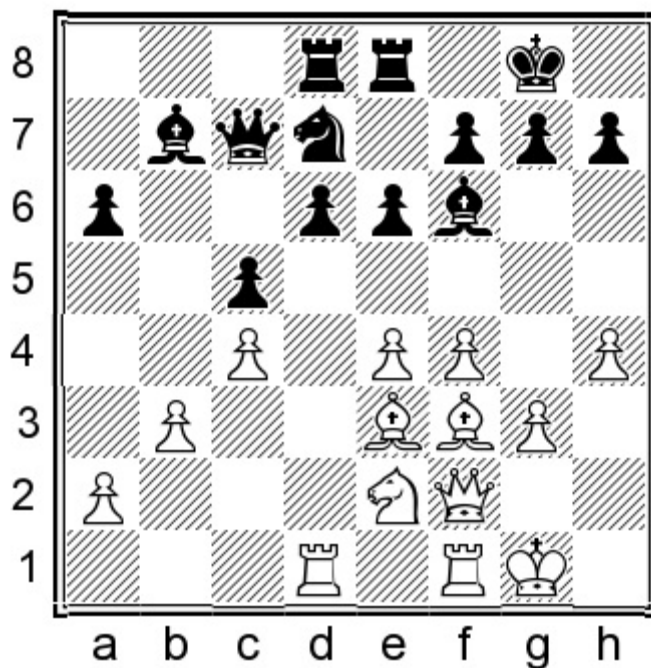
Clean finish by Caruana. His simple win makes me think that I should have given two question marks to Shankland's untimely 12...Qe7.



Fabiano Caruana vs Samuel Shankland, Sinquefeld Cup 2021; Photo courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Club, Austin Fuller

B30
Caruana, Fabiano (2806) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2655)
Saint Louis, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 e6 4.O-O ♗ge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.♘xd4 ♙b6 7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.♙e2 ♗g6 9.c4 ♙e7
 10.♘c3 O-O 11.♖b1 c5 12.♙e3 ♙c7 13.f4 ♙b7 14.g3 ♖fe8 15.h4 ♗f8 16.♙f3 d6 17.♙d2 a6 18.b3
 ♖ad8 19.♙f2 ♗d7 20.♖bd1 ♙f6 21.♗e2



21...♖b6?!

21...h5!? This move was suggested by Caruana himself. Yet, it is almost impossible to follow.

22.♔g2 ♕b2 23.♕xh5 f5 24.♕f3 ♖f6 25.exf5 exf5 26.♕xb7 ♜xe3 27.♗h1 ♞de8 28.♕f3 ♞b6 29.♖g1 ♕d4 30.♖h3 g6 31.♖g5 a5=;

21...♕b2!! 22.g4 (22.♖c1 ♕a3 23.♖d3 f5∞; 22.♞d2 ♕a3 23.g4 (23.♞fd1?! ♖f6±) 23...d5 24.exd5 exd5 25.cxd5 ♖f6 26.g5 ♖xd5 27.♞fd1 ♖xe3 28.♞xd8 ♞xd8 29.♞xd8+ ♞xd8 30.♞xe3 ♕xf3 31.♞xf3 c4! 32.bxc4 ♕f8 33.♞d5 ♞b6+=) 22...d5 23.♖g3 ♕c3 24.cxd5 exd5 25.exd5 ♖f6 26.♕xc5 ♖xd5=

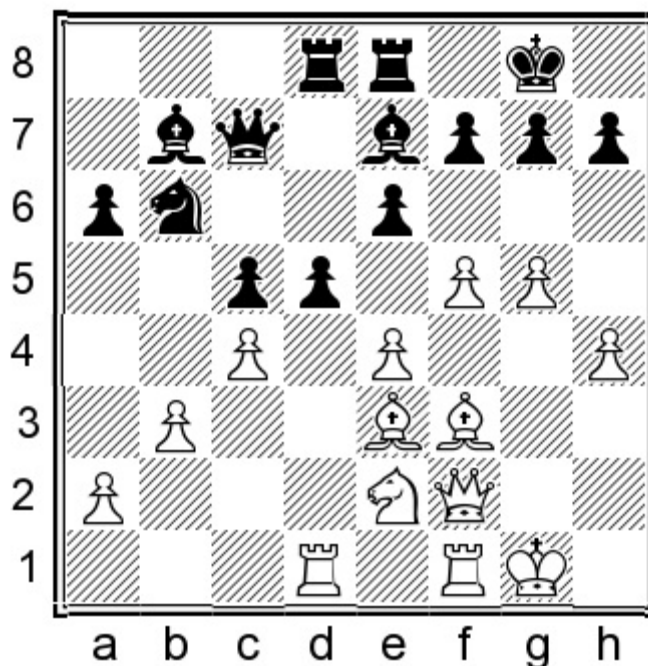
22.g4?! d5 23.g5

23.cxd5 exd5 24.e5 d4 25.♕d2 ♕e7 26.♕a5 ♕xf3 27.♞xf3 c4∞

23...♕e7

23...dxe4 24.♕g2 ♞xd1 25.♞xd1 ♞d8 26.♞xd8+ ♕xd8 27.♖g3 f5 28.gxf6 ♕xf6 29.♖xe4 ♖d7 30.h5±

24.f5



24...exf5??⊕ Black blunders in severe time pressure.

24...♔d6 25.fxe6 fxe6 26.g6 would certainly preserve White's initiative, but Black can still fight with a move like 26...♘d7 27.♔g5 ♖f6 - not pretty but not losing either!

25.♔f4 ♔d6 26.♔xd6 ♔xd6 27.exd5 ♘d7 28.♔g2 ♔c8 29.♘f4 ♘e5 30.b4 cxb4 31.c5 ♔b8 32.♖fe1 b3 33.axb3 ♔b4 34.♖e2 ♘g4 35.♔d4 ♔xb3 36.♘h5 f6 37.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 38.gxf6 gxf6 39.d6 ♔e6 40.d7 ♖d8 41.c6 ♔c2 42.♖e1 ♔f7 43.♘f4 ♔b3 44.c7 ♔xc7 45.♔d5+ ♔xd5 46.♔xd5+ ♔g7 47.♘e6+ 1-0

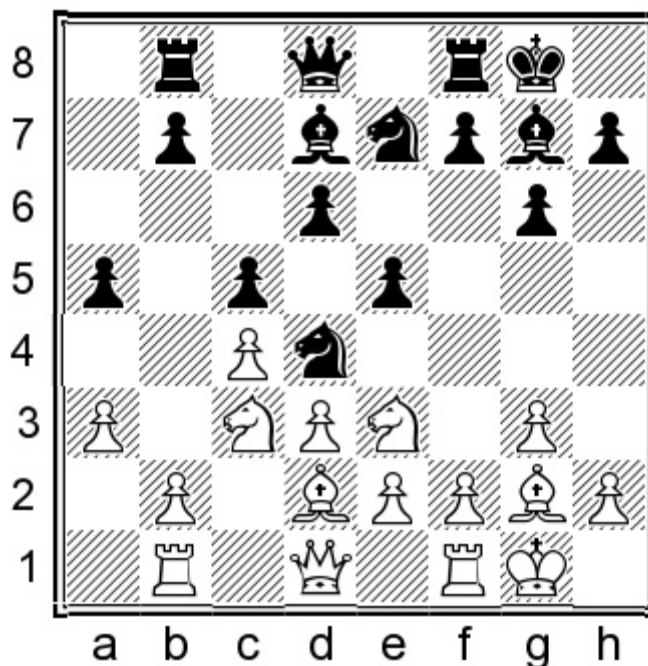
Grischuk blamed Svidler for choosing a5 and considered it a long suffering for Black.

A37
So, Wesley (2772) - Svidler, Peter (2714)
Saint Louis, 2021

1.c4 g6 2.♘c3 c5 3.g3 ♔g7 4.♔g2 ♘c6 5.♘f3 e5 6.a3 a5

6...♘ge7 This is what Grischuk and Svidler had prepared for Sasha's 2011 Candidates match against Gelfand. **7.b4 (7.♖b1 d5) 7...d5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘g5!?** Gelfand,Boris 2733 - Grischuk,Alexander 2747, Kazan (m/2) 2011 - 112/23

7.d3 ♘ge7 8.♘d2 d6 9.♘f1 O-O 10.♘e3 ♖b8 11.♖b1 ♘d4 12.♔d2 ♔d7 13.O-O



13...♙c6? I really don't dig this move!

13...b5 14.cxb5 ♖xb5 15.♗c4 ♗d4 16.♗xd6 ♙e6 17.♗c4∞ Engines believe that Black has compensation after Nb3 here but I find it hard to materialise in an actual game. Either way, this seems like Svidler's best chance to stay in the game after playing a5!

13...a4 14.♗xa4 ♗xe2+ 15.♔xe2 ♙xa4 16.b4 ♙c6 17.♙xc6 ♗xc6 18.♙c3 cxb4 19.axb4 b5 20.♗d5 ♗e7 21.♗xe7+ ♔xe7 22.♙d2 ♖fc8= Tonisson,Priit - Gleichmann,Matthias, corr 2016/17

14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 cxb4

15...b6 16.♙xc6 ♗dxc6 17.b5 ♗d4 18.♗ed5 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♗e6 20.♖a1 ♗c7 21.♗xc7 ♔xc7 22.♖a6 f5 (22...h5 23.e4 ♔d7 24.♔f3 ♖b7 25.♙g2 ♖fb8 26.♖fa1 f6 27.h3± Eljanov,Pavel 2681 - Krivenko,Sergey 2341, Saint Petersburg 2012) 23.e4 f4 24.♔g4±

16.♖xb4 ♙xg2 17.♙xg2 ♔d7 18.♗ed5 ♗ec6 19.♖b6 f5 20.f3! This strong prophylactic move puts an end to all of Black's hopes.

20...♖f7 21.♙e3 h5 22.♔d2 ♗e6 23.♖fb1 ♙h7 24.h4 f4 25.gxf4 exf4 26.♙f2 ♗cd4 27.♙xd4 ♙xd4 28.♗e4 1-0

Now it is time to examine an excerpt of Maxime's white games where he scored 4½/5! A great feat for the eventual winner.

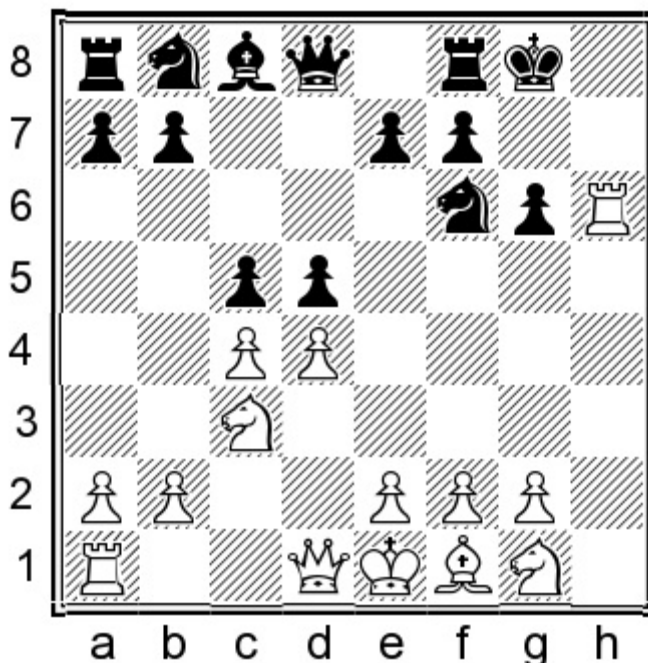
E73

**Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751) - Svidler, Peter (2714)
Saint Louis, 2021**

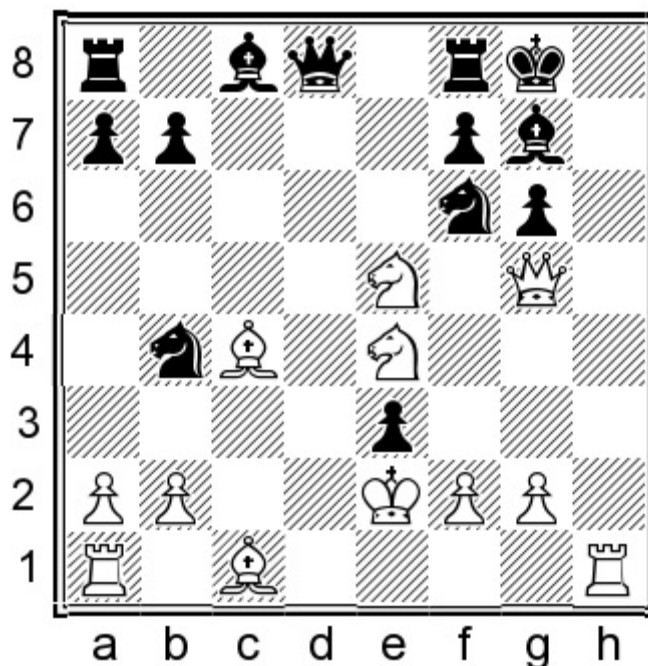
1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.h4!? After surprising Svidler by choosing 1.d4 Vachier Lagrave shows his eagerness for a sharp battle.

3...♙g7 4.♜c3 O-O

4...d5!? is a hard line to play. 5.h5 O-O (5...♜xh5!? 6.cxd5 e6 7.g4 ♜f6 8.dxe6 ♙xe6 9.e4 ♙xg4 10.f3 ♙e6 11.♙g5 h6 12.♙e3 c6 13.♜ge2 ♙c4 14.♞c2 ♞a5 15.♙d2 There is no good defence against e5. (15.♜f4 ♙xf1 16.♞xf1 ♜a6 17.a3 ♜c7 18.♞f2 g5 19.b4 ♞a6 20.♜d3 ♞c4 21.♞ac1 ♜d7 22.♜b2 ♞e6 23.♜e2 ♜b5 24.a4 ♜d6 25.♜g3 f5 26.exf5 ♞d5 27.♜c4 ♜xc4 28.♞xc4 ♞xc4 29.♞xc4 ♜b6 30.♞c5 O-O 31.a5 ♜d5 32.a6 1/2 : 1/2 Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2780 - Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2767, Jerusalem (m/2) 2019) 15...♞b6 (15...♞d8 16.e5 ♜fd7 17.♜e4+-) 16.e5 ♜d5 17.♜a4+-) 6.hxg6 hxg6 7.♜f3 (7.♙h6 ♙xh6 8.♞xh6 ♞g7 (8...c5??

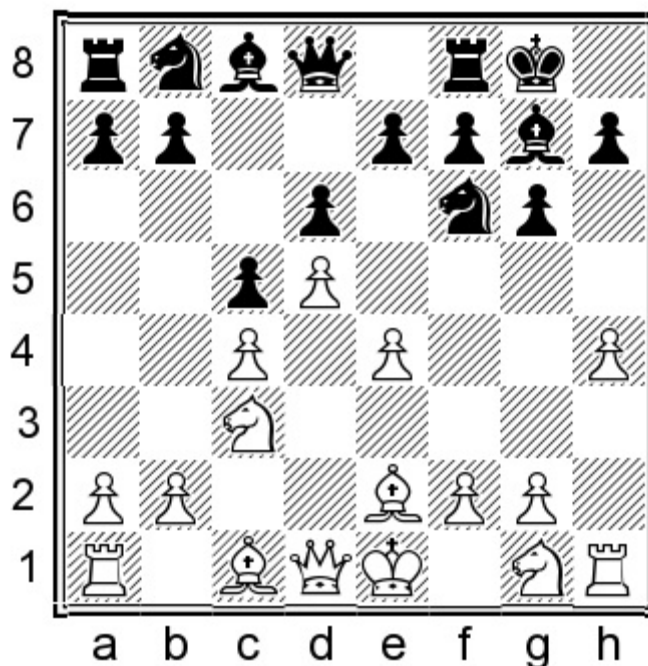


9.♜f3 (9.♞h4!! e5 (9...cxd4 10.♞xd4 dxc4 11.♞f4 ♜g4 12.e3 ♜c6 13.♞xg4+-) 10.♞d2 ♜h5 11.♞xh5 gxf5 12.♜xd5 ♙e6 13.dxe5 ♜d7 14.♜f3+-) 9...♜c6 10.cxd5 ♜xd5 11.♞d2 cxd4 12.♞h8+ ♞xh8 13.♞h6+ ♞g8 14.♜g5 ♜f6 15.♜ce4 ♞a5+ 16.♞d1 ♞xg5 17.♜xg5 ♙d7 (17...♜e5?! 18.f3 ♙d7 19.♞e1 ♞fd8 20.♞d1 ♙f5 21.♞h2± Sevian, Samuel 2647 - Zeltsan,Joseph 2301, Sturbridge 2021) 18.b3 ♞fd8 19.♞c1 ♜e5=) 9.♞h1 (9.♞d2 c6 10.♜f3 ♞h8 11.♞xh8 ♞xh8 12.O-O-O→ (12.♞e3 ♞d8 13.♜e5 ♙e6 14.O-O-O dxc4 15.♞g3 b5= Castilla Leon Salas,Carlos 2194 - Garcia Gimenez,Santiago 2246, Espana 2021)) 9...c6 10.e3 (10.♞d2!? ♞h8 11.♞xh8 ♞xh8 12.♞f4∞) 10...♞h8 (10...♙e6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.♜ge2 ♜c6 13.♞d2 ♞c8 (13...♞d6?? 14.e4 (14.♜f4?? ♙f5 15.f3 e5 16.dxe5 ♞xe5 17.♜fxd5 ♜xd5 18.♜xd5 ♞h8 19.♞xh8 ♞xh8 20.♞c3± Bruzon Batista,Lazaro 2644 - He, Anthony 2337, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 14...♞h8 15.e5+-) 14.♜f4 ♞d6=) 11.♞xh8 ♞xh8 12.♞d2 dxc4!? (12...♙f5 13.f3 ♜bd7 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.g4 ♙e6 16.♜h3 ♞h4+ 17.♞f2 ♞h8 18.♜f4 g5 19.♜d3 ♞xf2+= Bruzon Batista, Lazaro 2644 - Yoo,Christopher 2438, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 13.♙xc4 ♞h2↑) 7...dxc4 (7...c6!? 8.♞d2!? ♜a6! (8...dxc4 9.♞g5±) 9.a3 (9.♞g5?? ♜b4 10.♞d1 e5! 11.♜xe5 dxc4 12.e3 c5 13.♙xc4 cxd4 14.♜e4 dxe3+ 15.♞e2



15...♖xe4!! 16.♗xf7+ ♜xf7 17.♞xd8+ ♜f8 18.♞h4 ♜xf2+ 19.♔xe3 ♗f5 It is the case of hunter becoming the prey. White's king will go down soon! 20.♞h7+ ♔f8 21.♘xg6+ ♔f7 22.♘e5+ ♔e6 23.♞xg7 ♘c2+ 24.♔d3 ♘d2+ 25.♔c3 ♜c8+ 26.♞c7 ♜xc7+ 27.♘c4 ♜xc4#) 9...♞a5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.♘e5 ♘b4 12.f3↑) 8.e4 (8.♗h6 ♗xh6 9.♜xh6 ♔g7 10.♞d2 c5 11.d5 e6 12.d6 ♘bd7 (12...♘c6?! 13.O-O-O ♗d7 14.e4 ♜h8 15.♜xh8 ♞xh8 16.e5 ♘g4 17.♘e4 b6 18.♞f4 ♞h5 19.♘fg5 ♜f8 20.♗e2 ♘cxe5 21.♘f6 ♘d3+ 22.♜xd3 1 : 0 Sangma,Rahul 2299 - Arjun Adappa 1849, Bhubaneswar 2015) 13.♞c1 b6=) 8...c5 9.d5 ♞a5 10.♘g5 b5 11.♗d2 b4 12.♞a4 ♞a6 13.♞xa6 ♗xa6 14.♘d1 ♘fd7 15.a3 c3 16.bxc3 b3 17.♗e2 ♗xe2 18.♔xe2 ♘b6 19.♘e3 ♘8d7 20.♜ab1 c4 21.♘g4 ♘f6 22.♘h6+ ♗xh6 23.♜xh6 ♔g7 24.♜hh1∞ Schulenberg,Henk - Auburger,Kirstin, corr 2011/12

5.e4 d6 6.♗e2 c5 7.d5



7...b5!? Svidler chooses a Benko-like approach.

8.cxb5 a6 9.a4 axb5 10.♙xb5 ♙a6 11.♙d2 So far, according to the theory.

11...♙xb5

11...♙c8!? 12.♘h3!? (12.f3 ♘bd7 (12...e6 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.♘ge2 d5 15.e5 ♘fd7 16.f4±) 13.♘ge2 ♘e5 14.O-O ♘h5) 12...♙xb5 13.axb5 ♖xa1 14.♙xa1 ♘bd7 Dragnev, Valentin 2550 - Hillarp Persson, Tiger 2550, Batumi 2019

12.axb5 ♘bd7 13.♘f3 ♖xa1 14.♙xa1 ♙b6

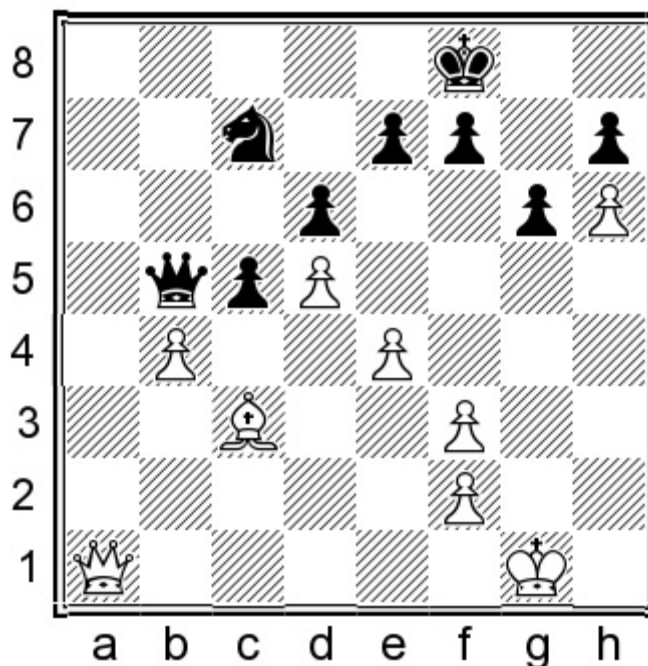
14...♙c7 This is a correspondence game which can give us some insight about soundness of Black's position. 15.O-O ♖b8 16.♙a4 ♙b7 17.♖a1 ♘e8 It seems that Black has enough compensation here. 18.♙g5 h6 19.♙e3 ♘c7 20.♘d2 ♖a8 21.♙d1 ♖xa1 22.♙xa1 ♘xb5 23.♘xb5 ♙xb5 24.♙a8+ ♙b8 25.♙xb8+ ♘xb8 26.♘c4 ♘d7 27.b3 f5 28.exf5 gxf5 29.f3 ♘f6 30.♘b6 ♔f7 31.♔f2 e6 32.dxe6+ ♔xe6 33.♙d2 d5 34.♔e2 ♙f8= Moraes, Francisco Jose Baen - Lipecki, Alexander, corr 2012/13

15.O-O ♖b8 16.♙a6 ♘e8 17.♖a1 ♔f8 18.h5 ♘c7 19.♙a4 ♖a8

19...♘xb5 20.h6 ♙f6 21.♘xb5 ♙xb5 22.♙xb5 ♖xb5 23.♖a8+ ♖b8=

20.♙d1 ♖xa1!? This is the beginning of the problems. The move is fine, but it requires a lot of accuracy.

21.♙xa1 ♘e5 22.h6 ♘xf3+ 23.gxf3 ♙xc3 24.♙xc3 ♙xb5 25.b4



25...♞e8?? Maybe if Svidler had found Ke8 instead of this sad move, the event would have been entirely different.

25...♔e8 26.bxc5 ♖xc5 27.♙d4 ♖c4=

26.bxc5 dxc5

26...♖xc5 loses to 27.♙b4 and probably this is what Svidler missed.

27.♙g7+ ♔g8 28.♖a8 c4 29.♖d8 ♖a4 30.♔g2 ♖b5 31.♙b2 1-0

A clean finish by Maxime Vachier Lagrave.

This much needed comeback is what enabled Vachier Lagrave to win the Sinquefeld Cup outright for the second time in his illustrious career.

C54

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2655)
Saint Louis, 2021

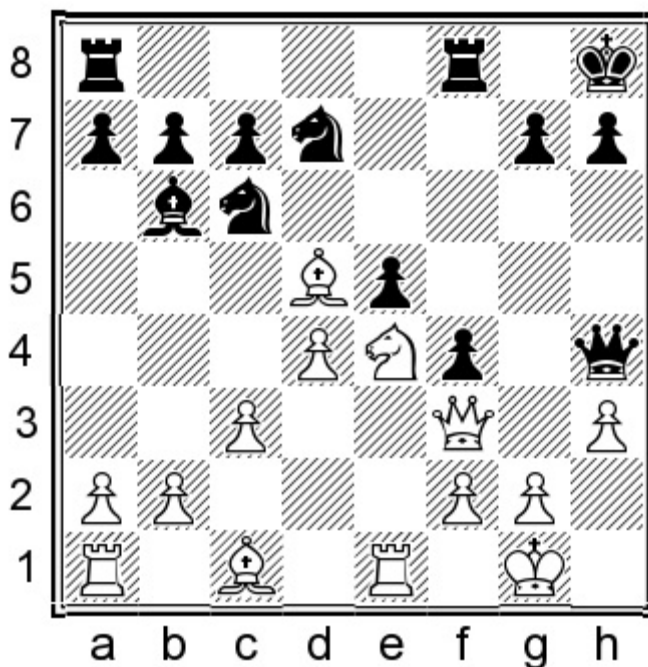
1.e4 e5 2.♞f3 ♞c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.c3 ♞f6 5.d3 O-O 6.O-O d5 7.exd5 ♞xd5 8.♞e1 ♙g4 9.♞bd2 ♞b6 10.h3 ♙h5 11.♙b3 ♔h8!?

Probably Swiercz is playing for a win, as 11...♖xd3 is considered the best move to equalise at this moment. 12.♞xe5 ♖f5 13.♞ef3 ♖ad8 14.♖e2 ♖c8! (14...♞d5 15.♞e4 ♙xf3 16.♖xf3 ♖xf3 17.gxf3 ♙b6 18.♔f1 ♞de7 19.♙g5 h6 20.♙xe7 ♞xe7 21.♞f6+ gxf6 22.♖xe7 ♞d2 23.♖e2 ♞fd8 24.♖ae1 ♔f8= Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2774 - Aronian,Levon 2758, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2019 - 142/(113)) 15.♞e4 (15.♖b5 ♞d7 16.♞h4 a6 17.♖f1 ♙e7 (17...g5!? 18.♞f5 ♙g6 19.♞g3 h6∞) 18.♞f5 ♖fe8 19.♞xe7+ ♖xe7 20.♖xe7 ♞xe7 21.♞e4 ♙g6 22.f3 h6 23.♙f4 ♞c6 24.♖e1 ♙xe4 25.fxe4 ♞ce5∞ Carlsen,Magnus 2862 - So,Wesley 2770, chess24.com (Internet-m2/2-rapid) 2021) 15...♙e7 16.♙f4

♖d5 17.♙h2 ♜f6 18.♜g3 ♙g6 19.♜h4 ♙d6 20.♜xg6 hxg6 21.♚c2 ♜a5 22.♙a4 c5 23.♞ad1 a6 24.♚c1 b5 25.♙c2 ♚c7= Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2780 - Shirov,Alexei 2684, Moscow (rapid) 2019

12.♜e4 ♜d7 13.♙d5 ♙b6 14.♜g3 ♙xf3 15.♚xf3 f5 16.d4 f4 17.♜e4 ♚h4!?N This is what Dariusz might have prepared.

17...exd4 18.♙xc6 bxc6 19.♙xf4 dxc3 20.bxc3 ♜e5 21.♚g3 ♜d3 22.♞ad1∞ Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2784 - Aronian,Levon 2781, chess24.com (Internet-m1/2-rapid) 2020



18.♜d2!! An ingenious retreat but equally good was to take on c6. I just like the paradoxical nature of this manoeuvre, even though it does not change the evaluation of the game. Engines give the usual zeros.

18...exd4 19.♜c4 ♞ad8?! Engines start alarming after this move!

19...dxc3 20.bxc3 ♚g3 21.♜xb6 ♚xf3 22.♙xf3 axb6 23.♙xc6 bxc6 24.♞e7 ♞ad8 25.♙xf4 ♞xf4 26.♞d1 h6=

20.♙xc6 bxc6 21.♙d2! ♜f6

21...dxc3 22.♙xc3 ♚g3 was still good enough for equality.

22.♜xb6! The bishop must be eliminated.

22...cxb6?!

22...axb6 23.cxd4 c5 24.♞e6→

23.cxd4 c5 24.♞e7!→ Now White's attack is stronger compared to ab6.

24...♞xd4 25.♙c3 ♜d5 26.♞xa7 ♜xc3 27.bxc3 ♞dd8 28.♞e1 c4?⊕ The losing blunder in time pressure.

28...♔g5 29.♞e7 ♞g8 30.♞f7 ♞df8 31.♞fb7 ♔g6 32.a4 h6 33.♕h2 ♕h7 looks awful but not over.

29.♞e4! The rest is just technically winning and Vachier Lagrave doesn't let it slip.

29...b5 30.a4 ♞d3 31.♔xf4! ♔xf4 32.♞xf4 ♞g8 33.axb5 ♞xc3 34.♞c7 ♞b3 35.♞c5 c3 36.♞fc4 h6
Chess is a tragedy of one tempo.

37.♞xc3 ♞b1+ 38.♕h2 ♕h7 39.♞g3 ♞b2 40.f4 g6 41.f5 g5 42.♞d3 ♞e8 43.♞d7+ ♕g8 44.♞c6 ♞xb5
45.♞g6+ ♕f8 46.♞xh6 ♕g8 47.f6 1-0



Dariusz Świercz, Sinquefeld Cup 2021; Photo courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Club, Bryan Adams

B90

Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751)
Saint Louis, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♙e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♙e6 8.f3 ♙e7 9.♔d2 O-O 10.O-O
O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 ♘h5!?

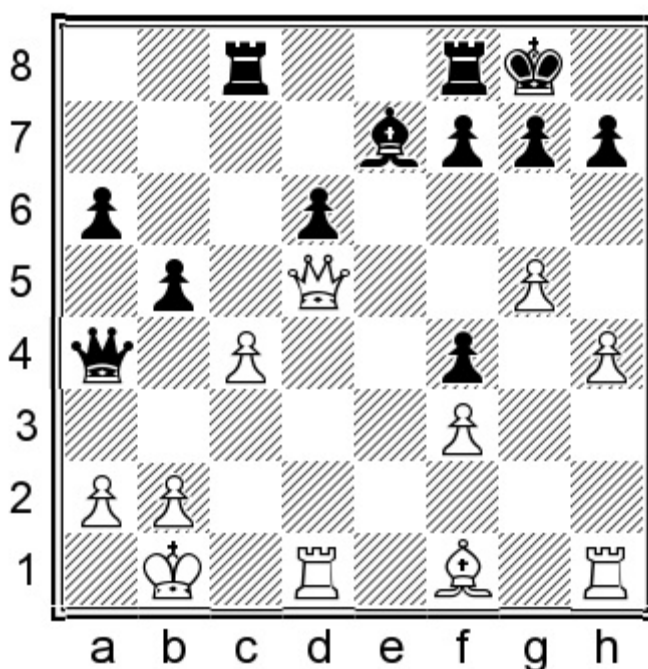
12...b4 This is a more topical straightforward debate which Vachier Lagrave had already lost once to
Dominguez two years ago. 13.♘e2 ♘e8 (13...♘h5 14.♘g3 ♘f4 15.h4 a5 16.♕b1 a4 17.♘c1 b3
18.cxb3 axb3 19.a3 ♔c7 20.♙xf4 exf4 21.♘f5 ♘e5 22.♘xe7+ ♔xe7 23.♔xd6 ♔xd6 24.♞xd6 ♘xf3
25.♙e2 ♘e5 26.♞fl ♞fc8 27.♞xf4 ♞c2 28.♞fl g6 29.♞fd1 ♕g7 30.♞1d2 ♞c7 31.♞d1 ♞a5 32.♞b6 ♞c2

33.♔d3 ♖h2 34.♜xb3 ♜xb3 35.♞xb3 ♜xd3 36.♞bxd3 ♞xh4 37.♞d5 ♖a8 38.♞1d4 ♞g4 39.a4 f5 (39...♞e8? 40.a5 ♞exe4 41.♞xe4 ♞xe4 42.a6+- Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2763 - Vachier Lagrave,Maxime 2778, Saint Louis (blitz) 2019)) 14.f4 a5 15.f5 a4 16.fxe6 axb3 17.cxb3 fxe6 18.♔h3 ♜c7 19.♜b1 d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.♔g2 ♖a5 22.a4 ♜h8 23.♞he1 ♖a6 24.h4 d4 (24...♞d6?! 25.♔g1± Shankland, Samuel 2691 - Duda,Jan Krzysztof 2729, Praha 2021) 25.♜xd4 exd4 26.♔xd4 ♜e6=

13.♜b1 ♜b6 14.♜a5 ♞c8 15.♜d5!? ♜xd5 16.exd5 ♔xd5 17.♞xd5 ♞xa5 18.c4 ♜f4 19.♔xf4 exf4 20.h4

20.cxb5 axb5 21.♞xb5 ♞a7 22.h4 ♞c5 23.♞a6 ♞c7 24.♔d3 ♖b8 25.♞c1 d5 26.♞xc5 ♔xc5 27.♞c1 ♞e5 28.♔b5 d4 29.♔d3 g6 30.♜a1 ♔f8 31.♞c4 ♞e3 32.h5 ♖b4 33.♞c2 gxh5 34.♔xh7+ ♜g7 35.♔d3 h4 36.g6 h3 37.gxf7 ♖b6 38.♖h1 ♖h6 39.a3 h2 40.♞g2+ ♜f6 41.♔e4 ♜xf7 42.♜a2 d3 43.♖xh2 ♖xh2 44.♞xh2 d2 45.♞h5+ ♜e7 46.♞e5+ ♜d8 47.♞d5+ ♜e7 48.♞e5+ ♜d8 49.♞b8+ ♜e7 50.♞c7+ ♜f6 51.♔c2 ♜g5 52.♞f7 ♞xf3 53.♞f5+ ♜h4 54.♞xf8 ♞d5+ 55.b3 d1=♞ 56.♞f6+ (56.♔xd1 ♞d2+ 57.♜b1 ♞xd1+ 58.♜b2 ♞d2+ 59.♜b1 ♞d3+ 60.♜b2 f3 61.♞h6+ (61.♞f4+) 61...♜g3+- Areshchenko,Alexander 2687 - Shankland,Samuel 2709, Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 2021) 56...♜h3 57.♔xd1 ♞d2+±

20...♞a4

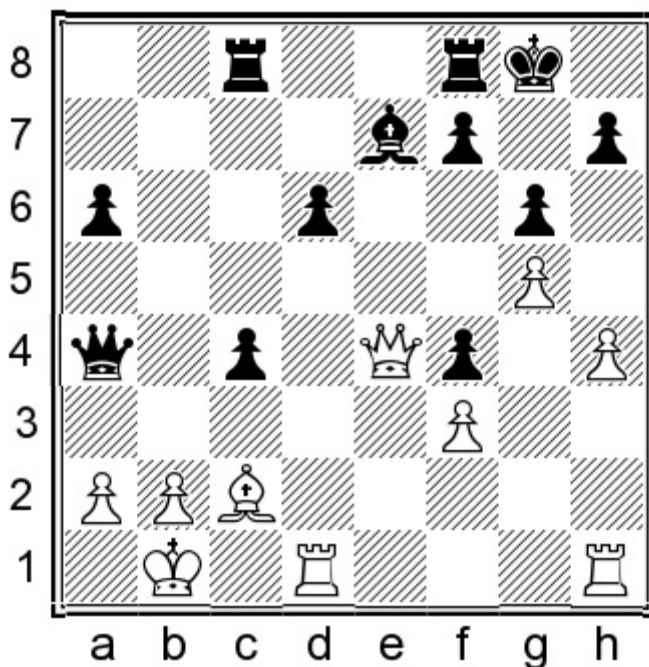


21.♔d3!N Not played even in correspondence chess.

21.♞c1 ♖fe8 22.♔d3 ♞c5 23.♞e4 g6 24.cxb5 axb5 25.♞xa4 1/2 : 1/2 Voll, Aleksey - Wunderlich,Hans-Dieter, corr 2018/19

21.♞e1 ♞c5 22.♞d2 ♞e5 23.cxb5 axb5 24.♞xe5 dxe5 25.♞d5 ♞c8 26.♔d3 e4 27.♞xe4 ♞xe4 28.♔xe4 b4 29.♞e1 ♜f8 30.♔d3 1/2 : 1/2 Lobanov,Evgeny - Wunderlich,Hans-Dieter, corr 2018/ 19

21...bxc4 22.♔e4 g6 23.♙c2



23...♔d7?? This almost loses by force.

23...♔e8! prevents h5 24.♖de1 (24.h5? ♙xg5) 24...♖c7 25.h5 d5! 26.♔e5 (26.♔xd5? ♔b5!≡) 26...♔c6 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.♖h6 ♔d6 29.♙xg6 ♔xe5 30.♙xh7+ ♔g7 31.♖xe5 ♙xg5 and Black is in clear!

24.h5 ♔e6 25.hxg6 hxg6? This loses by force.

25...♔xe4 26.gxf7+ ♔xf7 27.♙xe4 ♖c5 is certainly bad for Black but with stubborn defence he may have some chances. Recapture on g6 loses by force. 28.♖xh7+ ♔e6 29.♖h6+ ♔d7 30.g6±

26.♔xf4 ♔e5 27.♔h4 ♔g7 28.♖d2! ♖c5 29.f4 f6 30.♖dh2 fxg5 31.♔e1 ♙f6 32.♖h6 ♔b7 33.♔e6+ 1-0



Leinier Domínguez Pérez, Sinquefield Cup 2021; Photo courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Club, Lennart Ootes



The Winner Vachier-Lagrave and Rex Sinquefeld; Photo courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Club, Lennart Ootes

DANNY'S CHESS DIARY

By GM Daniel Gormally

NORTHUMBRIA CHESS MASTERS AND MY SUMMER DIARY

You have good summers and you have bad summers, and this was a good summer.

To fulfil one of the requirements of the bucket list, Paul Robson drove him and myself to John O Groats, the most northerly tip of the main land. Forging through the Cairngorm mountain range, flanked by some formidable peaks, induced some panic attacks. Gorm in the Cairngorms. On leaving a pitstop, we left the motorway and began driving along a service road. Worryingly, I had no idea of how high it rose, how many dizzying drops we'd have to suffer. Turn around, I said. But this was what the lady at the cafe recommended, Paul answered. Get off the motorway, it's a much nicer road.

I don't care! Turn around! The full Grandmaster tantrum. And then later in the trip, Loch Ness taken in, no monster found but plenty of wondrous views.

On return I had plenty of time to prepare for the Northumbria Masters. This was the third renewal of this event, which was first held in 1996 and is the brainchild of popular North-east organiser and player, Tim Wall. The idea is to create norm opportunities for young English players, and also chances for local players to play against the cream of English chess.

The tournament was held in the Mercure hotel in Gateshead which isn't technically in Northumberland, but is extremely close to the Metrocenter. When this was first built I believe it was the largest shopping center in Europe. On the edges of the car park, close to the hotel, I noticed both a "McDonalds" and a "Pizza Hut", which meant that my corpulent self would not be short of food during the week. Indeed I ended up eating at McDonalds every day, not because I wanted to turn into Morgan Spurlock from that film "Supersize Me", but strictly for convenience. Nine games crammed into only five days meant that the time between the first and second games of the day were often fleeting.

In round two I faced Tim Kett, and the game quickly took a turn for the worse for me.

Daniel Gormally

- **Country:** England
- **Born:** 1976
- **Rating:** 2479
- **Peak rating:** 2573
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2005





C42
Kett, Tim (2167) - Gormally, Daniel (2479)
Newcastle (open), 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 He normally plays the Kings Gambit, but as I don't generally essay 1...e5, he must have smelled a rat.

2...♘f6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 I mentioned this line in a game in my book "The Comfort Zone" available from all good bookshops, and please buy, as it seems noone else is doing so. My opponent Alexander Cherniaev reacted rather weakly, but Kett reacts in a much more logical way.

4.♘xe5! The critical test.

Cherniaev played rather strangely with 4.d3 O-O 5.g3? d5! 6.exd5 e4 and White was already facing problems - Cherniaev,Alexander 2393 - Gormally,Daniel 2498, London (open) 2018

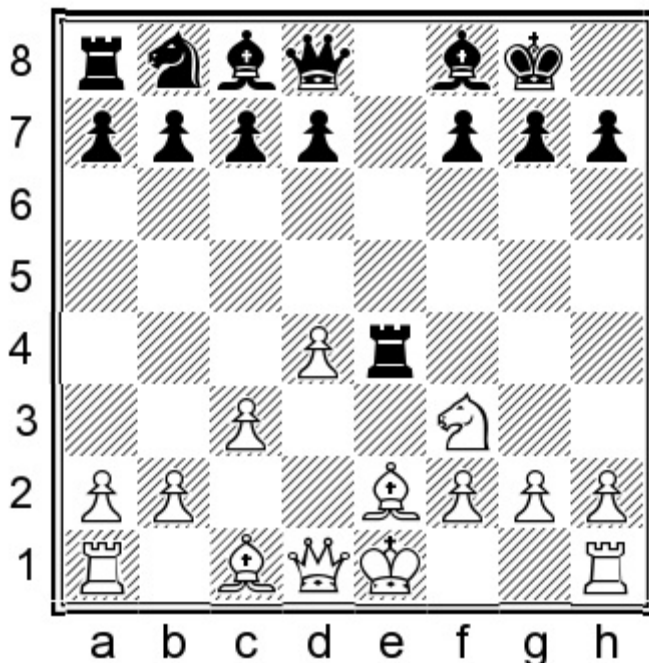
4...O-O 5.♙e2 ♖e8 6.♘f3

6.♘d3 I thought was the mainline, because White grabs the two bishops by force. 6...♙xc3 7.dxc3 ♘xe4 8.O-O d5 9.♘f4 c6 10.♙e3± The two bishops, a reasonably open board... what more could a player want?!

6...♘xe4

6...♙xc3 7.dxc3 ♘xe4 was also possible, but I thought by not giving up the two bishops, I was "punishing" him for not playing Nd3

7.♘xe4 ♖xe4 8.c3 ♙f8 9.d4



9...d5

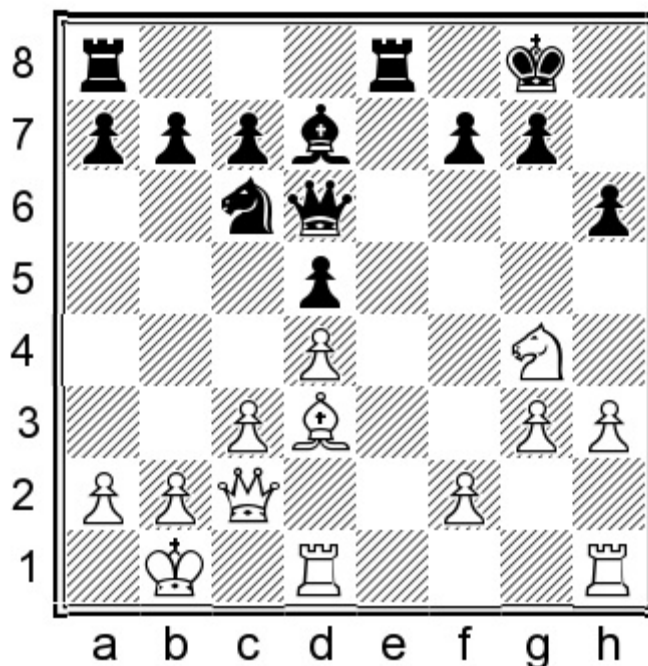
9...d6 I think I would have played this in better form, it looks more sensible, as Black does not hand White the square on e5. I even thought this at the time that ...d6 looked more intuitive, but my calculations lead me to believe that I needed Bd6 resource. 10.O-O h6! The engine bluntly recommends this, and I didn't appreciate the strength of this in my ruminations (or even see it at all). The idea is to prevent the annoying Ng5/ Bd3/Qh5 attacking complex by force, which was giving me the heebie-jeebies in the game.

10.♙e3 ♙d6 11.♙d3 ♖e8 12.♖c2 h6 13.O-O-O ♘c6 14.h3 ♗f6 15.♘h2!?

 Sensible, as White needs ideas of Ng4 and or pushing his kingside pawns, so this fits into that strategy.

15...♙f4 16.♙xf4 ♗xf4+ 17.♔b1 ♙d7 18.g3 ♗g5

18...♗d6 19.♘g4



19...b5! was a candidate move that escaped me in the game.

One and a half years of absence from over the board combat is always likely to induce some rust, not just for me of course. Not so much rust but mothballs.

But I would rather have a poor over the board game than yet another game online, the online Olympiad, the 3-min pool, puzzle rush... I've had enough of that to last me a lifetime.

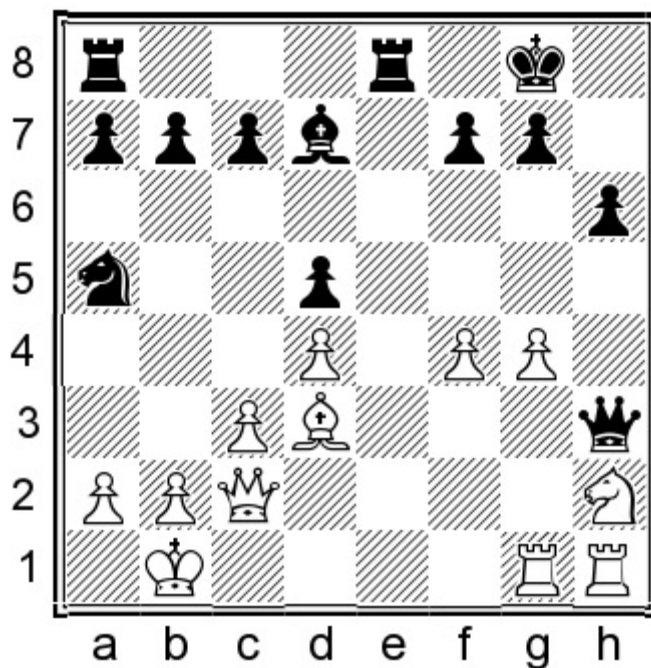
It takes a while to get the synapses flowing and to induce moves like ...b5! 20.f4 (20.♙xb5?! ♘xd4 21.cxd4 ♙xb5 with good play for Black.) 20...b4 21.♘e5 bxc3 creates some much needed counterplay, along the newly-opened b-file.

19.♙d1! Creative, because White needs to advance on the kingside to get anywhere, and it's imperative to not just hang the g3-pawn.

19...♘a5 20.f4 ♙h5? Hopelessly optimistic, and again many months of rust are showing, because my sense of danger is not just lacking but seemingly absent completely. What do you have to be afraid of, when you have nothing to compare it to?

20...♙e7 21.♘f3± and I didn't like the fact that the knight was heading to e5. However, this is infinitely preferable to what occurred in the game.

21.g4 ♙xh3



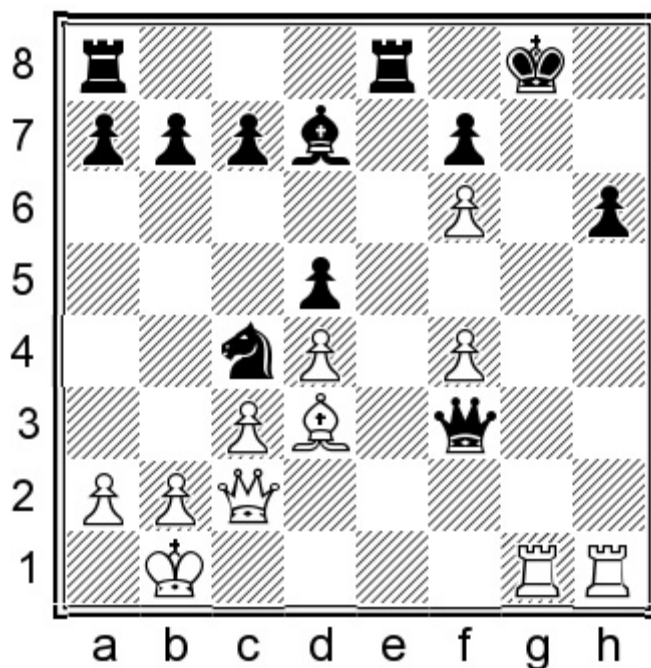
22.g5! The problem. The game is opened up at the worse possible moment for Black.

22...♘c4

In my earlier calculations I believed that I planned 22...♖e3 here, missing the obvious reply 23.♘g4 when Black is stuffed. Even the tricky 23...♖g3 24.♙f5! cannot save him.

23.♘g4 ♔f3 24.♘f6+! There were other choices which were good, but this is just crushing.

24...gxf6 25.gxf6+



25...♙g4 Pure desperation. Now my opponent just had to be ruthless here, and kill me off.

25...♔f8 26.♖xh6 will soon be mate.

26.♕xc4 Perfectly fine, although White's position is so good that there was no need for any subtleties.

26.♖xh6+- this move should be automatic, really. Just open the h-file; 26.♖xg4+ ♜xg4 27.♚h2+- is also sufficient for a quick win.

26...h5

26...dxc4 27.♖xh6 was White's idea, when the queen directly targets h7.

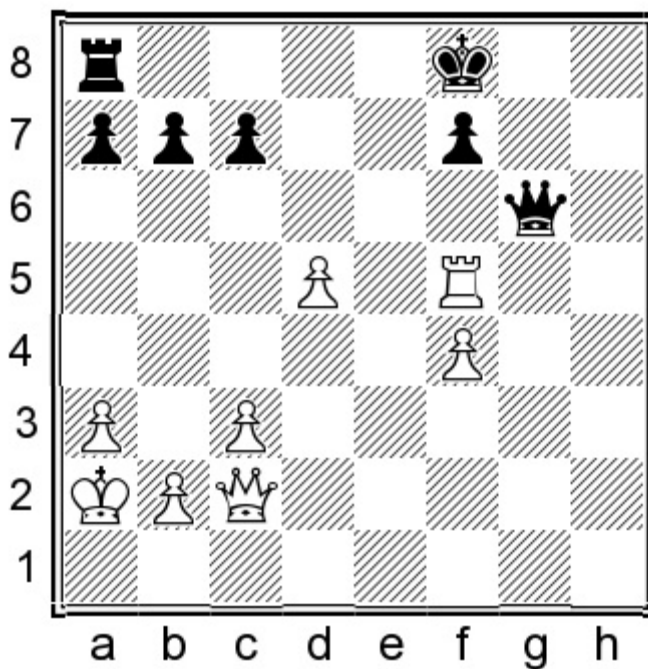
27.♕xd5 ♜xd5 28.♖xg4+ ♔f8 29.♖gg1

29.♖gh4 looked more obvious to me.

29...♚e6 30.♖xh5 ♜xf6 31.♖f5

31.♚b3 was also rather good. Black doesn't really have time to protect fragile pawns, although there is nothing better. 31...b6 32.♚a3+ ♜e7 33.♖hg5+-

31...♚h4 32.a3 ♜e1+ 33.♖xe1 ♜xe1+ 34.♔a2 ♚e6+ 35.d5 ♜g6



36.♔b1? Very strange. According to Keith Arkell my opponent has never beaten a Grandmaster despite plenty of promising opportunities to do so, and this lack of confidence might explain it. Ok short of time might be an excuse, but a much safer king and an extra pawn, if you can't play on in that scenario then you begin to wonder.

I'd already seen the win here. 36.♚e4! ♜e8 (36...♚d6 37.♚e6+-) 37.♚b4+ ♜e7 38.♖e5 is an easy technical job.

36...♚g1+

36...f6 might already be a better choice and give him some headaches in conversion, but I had already sensed that he was happy with a draw here.

37.♖a2 ♜g6 38.♖b1 ♜g1+ 1/2-1/2

There was an interesting postscript to the days play. In the third round, I was paired against Paul Dargan (I had White) but at the usual starting time of 3 pm, he was nowhere to be seen.

Eventually he turned up in the tournament hall, 30 minutes and 40 seconds later. He didn't exactly look in a rush to get to the game.

I leapt up, spying a chance to win the game without a pawn being pushed. The arbiter confirmed that half an hour was indeed the default time for the game. Paul took it in good spirits.

The reason I claimed the win, and declined to do the gentlemanly thing and allow Paul to play the game, was my experience of similar situations in the past. There were a couple of games when I could have claimed the win, refused to do so, and ended up regretting it. I now believe in that scenario you should always claim the win. The arbiters of course, should have taken this decision out of my hands. They should have been hovering around the board, ready to give me the win automatically. But instead they were wandering around, doing nothing. This is inexcusable in my view. Another question that I would ponder is why is the default time 30 minutes. For me this is far too long. There are plenty of sports and competitive activities where if you are late even one minute, you lose automatically. Some would argue in chess that is too draconian, and I think that 15 minutes is a good compromise. This would sensibly give time to those who are late for the game for reasons unavoidable, while not indulging those who like to bend rules for their own purposes.

The next game I want to present was in round four. Readers might question why I keep giving games that I played against 2100 and 2200 players.

Well, that's the ones I have available, so tough. And in fact, even 2100 and 2200 guys and girls can really play now. It might have been in the past that these games were fairly simple, but now everyone knows how to scrap. And this was another tough battle, despite the fairly quick finish.

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Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move from move 1.

1–2. Co. Murphy, R. Haria 6½, 3. M. Harvey 6, 4–5. T. Fodor jr., M. Wadsworth 5½, 6. Kilpatrick 5, 7. Mat. Turner 3½, 8. Roberson 3, 9. Alexa. Cherniaev (4117301) 2, 10. D. Eggleston 1½

Open:

(81 players, 9 rounds)

1. Bra. Clarke 7½, 2–5. Gormally, Mari. Petrov, K. Arkell, Pe. Wells 7, 6–8. H. Olson, Dong Bao Nghia, R. Bezuidenhout 6½, 9–11. Bradbury, Max Turner, Ry. Murphy 6, etc.

C10

Gormally, Daniel (2479) - Sedykh, Mikhail (2124)
Newcastle (open), 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘d7 5.♘f3 ♘gf6 6.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 7.g3

7.c3 has been the choice of players of the vintage of Carlsen, Kasparov, Anand and Kramnik (just to name a few) so must have some bite to it. 7...c5 8.♘e5 a6 9.♙e3 ♖c7 10.♙a4+ ♙d7 11.♘xd7 ♘xd7 12.O-O-O was a recent bullet game between Carlsen,Magnus 2862 and Tang,Andrew 2538, lichess.org (Internet-m/53-blitz). White doesn't have much here, but he does have the two bishops. It reminds me of that song: "I don't have much, but I know I have you, and that maybe, all I need to know..."

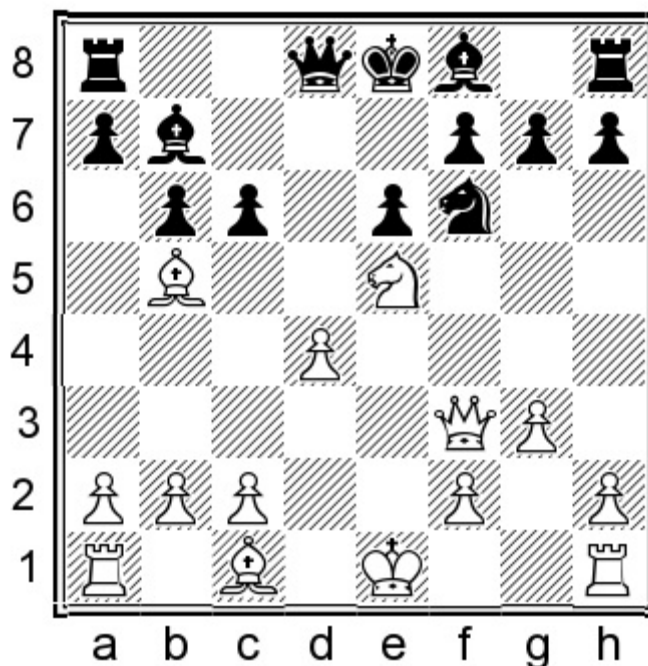
7...b6 8.♘e5 An attempt to refute my opponents last move, and ultimately it fails to do so.

8.♙b5+ ♙d7 (8...♘d7? 9.♘e5 and Black is faced with nasty threats of Qf3 and Nf7) 9.♙xd7+ ♘xd7 doesn't seem to offer White much.

8...♙b7! My opponent thought for sometime as he felt that he was in trouble, and this was the product of his calculation.

9.♙b5+ c6 10.♙e2 Somewhat reluctantly, as now it was obvious that once Black completed his development, he would be able to carry out ...c5 with a good game.

10.♙f3



10...♖c8! and if anyone is struggling to equalise, it is White. (10...♔d5 was what my opponent considered, and this is also playable. 11.♕xd5 ♘xd5 12.♙xc6+ ♙xc6 13.♘xc6 ♖c8 14.♘xa7 ♖xc2= with excellent compensation for the pawn.) 11.♘xc6 ♔d7 12.♘e5 (12.d5 I considered strongly in my calculations, but eventually realised that this failed to the accurate reply: 12...a6!-+) 12...♙xf3 13.♙xd7+ ♘xd7 14.♘xf3 ♖xc2= With the active rook Black is clearly very comfortable.

10...♙d6

10...♙e7 seemed more natural to me as this doesn't even allow Nc4 possibilities, so that ...Qc7 and ...c5 will be played without issues.

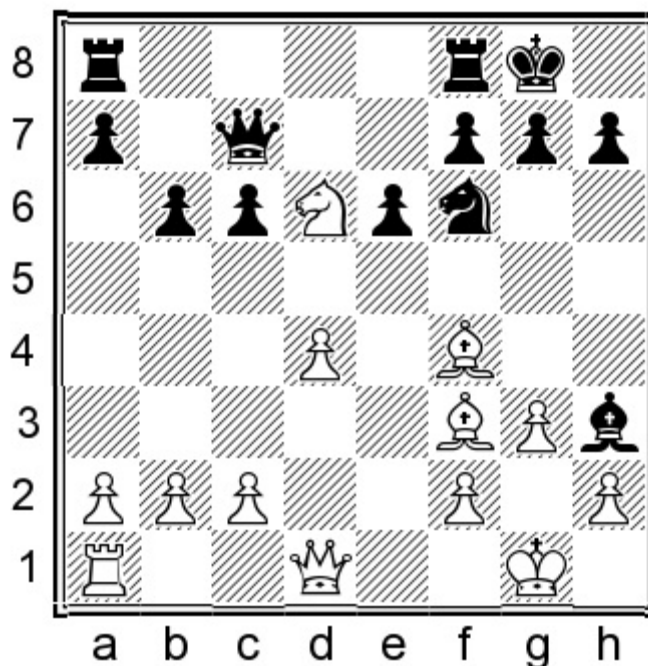
11.O-O O-O 12.♙f3 ♔c7 13.♘c4 ♙a6 Somewhat complex, and somewhat unnecessary.

13...♙e7 14.♙f4 ♔d7= I was desperately working during his time to find a way to make life awkward for him here, but it is clear that ...c5 will come, and Black will carry out a useful exchange of bishops that should favour him (having played g3, the White king will be somewhat weak).

14.♘d6!? I dive into the complications, probably because there was nothing better.

14.b3?! ♖ad8 even favours Black.

14...♙xf1 15.♙f4 ♙h3



16.c4?!

Here I felt I had compensation for the exchange based on a few factors:

1. The dark-squares.
2. The poor coordination of Black's pieces, specifically the bishop on h3 is rather out of the game.
3. The strong position of White's knight on d6, which rather ties up Black's side of the board.

However all these factors combined do not change the fact that Black is better, as an exchange is an exchange after all.

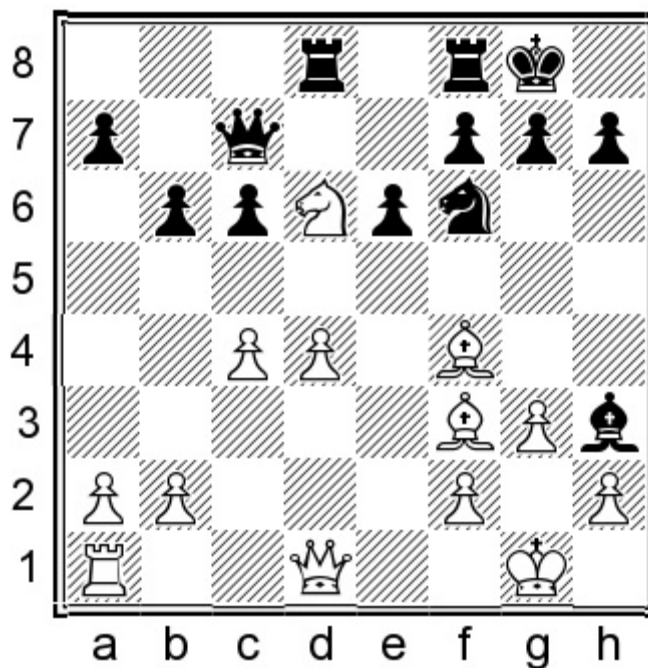
In my earlier calculations I had planned 16.♘f5 ♔d8 17.♘xg7 ♙xg7 18.♙e5 but on checking I realised this was complete rubbish. 18...♙g8 19.♗d2 ♘g4+- amongst other choices, wins easily.

The straightforward 16.♙e4! was apparently better. 16...♗d8 (16...♗c8 17.♙xf6+ gxf6 18.♙h6 spells danger for Black, as there is a threat not of taking on f8 but of playing Bg4, winning on the spot. 18...♙f5 19.g4 ♙g6 20.h4+- The bishop is in trouble.) 17.♙g5 with attacking compensation for the exchange.

16...♖ad8?!

I asked Keith Arkell what the best move was here, and he answered immediately - 16...♗d7! In awe, I pointed out that this was the top move of the engine, and in his typically dry way of his, he said that this had only taken him 0.2 of a second to find the move. Of course, to those with advanced positional skills, avoiding tactical trouble often comes easily. 17.♗a4 ♖ad8 18.♙xc6 ♗e7 19.c5 ♘d5±;

16...h6! 17.♙e5 ♗d7 is apparently also good.



17. ♖f5! All those months of rust had not completely dulled my tactical skills, as I saw a Bc6 trick in the air.

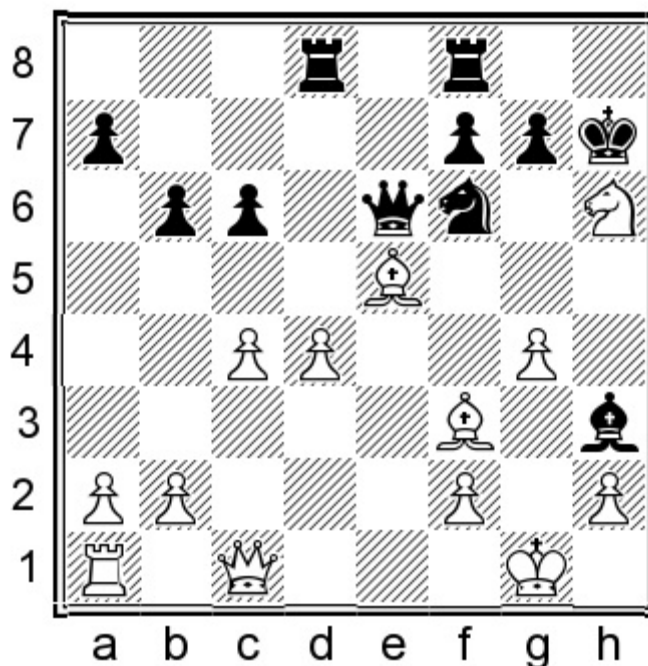
17... e5? It is only this which enables White to hold a decisive edge, as the bishop is lured to a powerful square on e5, after which the attack is unstoppable.

17... ♖d7? 18. ♗xc6 ♕a6 my opponent obviously spotted too late, as he would not have played the rook to d8 at all. Sometimes the flow of the game will force us into holding unobjective views of the situation of the board, and this is obviously what had happened in this case.

17... ♖b7 18. ♗xc6 ♕a6 obviously did not appeal to my opponent, but computers have taught us that visually unappealing positions are often anything but. **19. ♗d6 ♖xd6!** the only move, but a good one. **20. ♗xd6 ♖d8** 21. ♗e5 ♕xc4=

18. ♗xe5 ♕d7 **19. g4** I thought about retreating the knight to e3, but this would have been pathetic. Of course White should keep attacking.

19... ♕e6 **20. ♕c1 h6** **21. ♗xh6+ ♖h7**



22. ♖g5! It was good to know my attacking skills had not vanished completely.

22... ♜h5 Desperation.

22... gxf6 23. ♕e4+ ♜xe4 24. ♖g7#

23. ♕e4+ f5 24. ♜xf5 g6 25. ♖h6+ ♔g8 26. gxf5 ♝d7 27. hxf6 1-0

On the night of the second day of the event, we all went out on the town. Myself, Keith Arkell and Anuraj Sainbayer joined Lynda Roberts and her husband Chris at the rooftop apartment that they had rented, which held panoramic views of the river, even if the drop on the other side was rather frightening for someone like myself.

Later three of us adjourned to a local bar. I wondered if I should be drinking during an event, or at any time. It was the addictive nature of drink that was so destructive, because it wasn't just one or two drinks, was it. Two or three lead to five or six, and so on. Then again you only live once, and if the pandemic is anything to go by, some of us don't live for very long at all.

By the way you have to go drinking if going to such places. You don't go to McDonalds to have a healthy meal and lose weight, and you don't go into Newcastle on a Friday night to drink sparkling mineral water.

In the bar despite the booze (or perhaps because of it) I felt overcome by depression; that here was a group enjoying a good time, but there were people up and down the country doing the same, and as soon as we were gone we'd be replaced by others, similar to us. That life was just repeating pointless actions till we inevitably die. Perhaps we weren't people at all, but plants, growing strongly, and then shedding leaves before the eventual demise.

In round six I was paired against Dong, only 2227 at classical but much more accomplished at blitz

where he had many big scalps. In the tournament itself he had already displayed his talent by brushing aside GM Marian Petrov, amongst others. I am sure now we are past the pandemic he will make rapid progress on his classical rating.

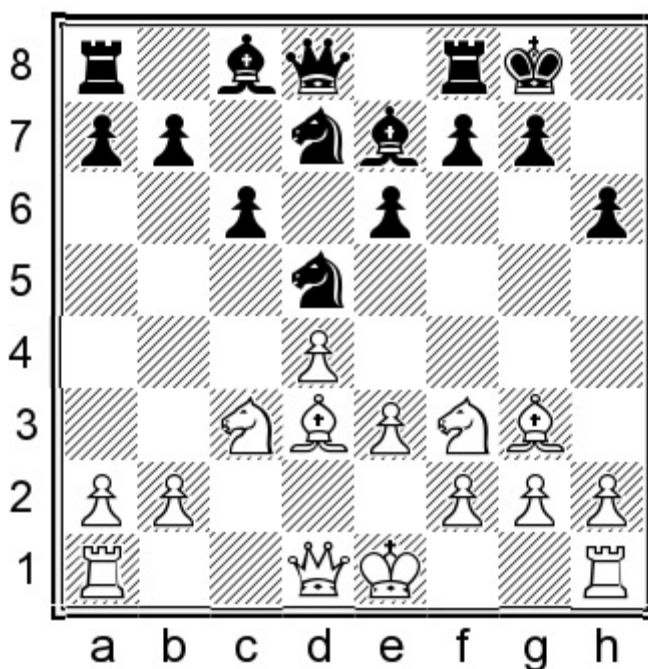
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Gormally, Daniel (2479) - Dong, Bao Nghia (2227)
Newcastle (open), 2021

1.d4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 c6 5.♙g5 ♙e7 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.♙d3 h6 8.♙h4 O-O 9.cxd5 ♘xd5

9...exd5 10.O-O ♘e4 was similar if not the same as the Lasker variation, and traditionally it is very hard for White to show anything here. 11.♙xe7 ♙xe7 12.♙c2 ♖e8=

10.♙g3

10.♙xe7 ♙xe7 positions like this can be rather dry and technical, which doesn't play to my strengths.



10...♘b4?! This felt somewhat superficial.

10...♘xc3 11.bxc3 b6 12.O-O ♙b7 and then play ...c5, would have solved any opening issues.

11.♙e2

11.♙b1! again emphasised by Keith Arkell in later analysis, for he is rarely wrong about piece placement stuff. 11...c5 12.a3 cxd4 13.♘xd4 ♘d5 14.♘xd5 exd5 15.O-O± with the bishop on b1, White should have attacking chances.

11...c5 12.a3 ♘c6 13.d5?! This leads to an enduring White edge, but is apparently not the best.

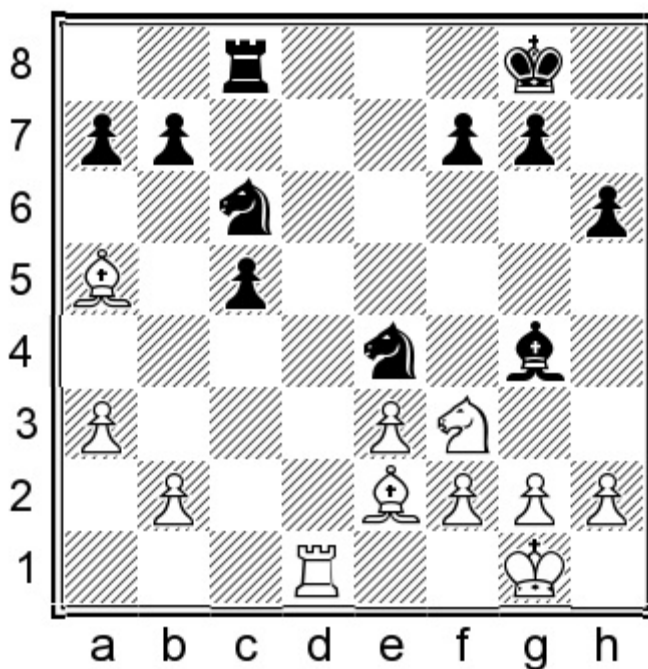
13.dxc5 ♘xc5 14.♙c2! and the Black pieces are awkwardly placed, to deal with the b4 stuff. 14...a5 15.♖d1 ♙d7 16.O-O White is apparently already winning, according to the ruthless Stockfish 12.

13...exd5 14.♟xd5 ♟f6 15.♟xe7+ ♟xe7 My opponent offered a draw around about here, however there are limits, even for a wimp like me. Half a point behind, holding the advantage of the two bishops and also having a higher rating, I felt obliged to play on.

16.♞xd8 ♞xd8 17.O-O ♟e4 18.♞fd1 ♟g4

18...♟e6= seemed more in the spirit of the position, because in some cases Bb3 will be useful.

19.♟c7 ♞xd1+ 20.♞xd1 ♞c8 21.♟a5 ♟c6



22.♟e1 Keith felt that this was perfect stuff, as the bishop stands very well here. White can relentlessly improve his position.

22...♞f8 23.h3 ♟e6 24.♟b5?! Strange, because there is no reason behind this move. Probably, I was already regretting my earlier decision to show some guts, and was already planning to equalise the game by taking on c6 and then playing Ne5.

24.♞c1! also suggested by positional genius Arkell, was the right way to continue. "Play Rc1 and then b4." suggested a somewhat drunk English Grandmaster. "That's the right idea. Leave the two bishops where they are they are perfectly placed." **24...c4** rather worried me in the game, with the idea that taking will run into a pin, especially when I considered that my opponent was tactically tricky.

25.♟d2 ♟xd2 26.♟xd2± The bishop will go to c3, where it will stand fantastically well.

24...♞e7 25.♟d2

25.♟xc6 ♞xc6 26.♟e5 ♞d6 really offers White less than nothing, so I steeled myself.

25...♟d6

25...♞d8= and White doesn't have much.

26.♙e2 b5 27.♜f3 c4?! During the game this felt correct, but in fact it turns out to be something of a mistake, as later White is able to easily take control over squares like d4. If Dong has a weakness then it is a tendency to play too quickly; if he had been a bit more careful around about here, I'm sure he would have got the desired result.

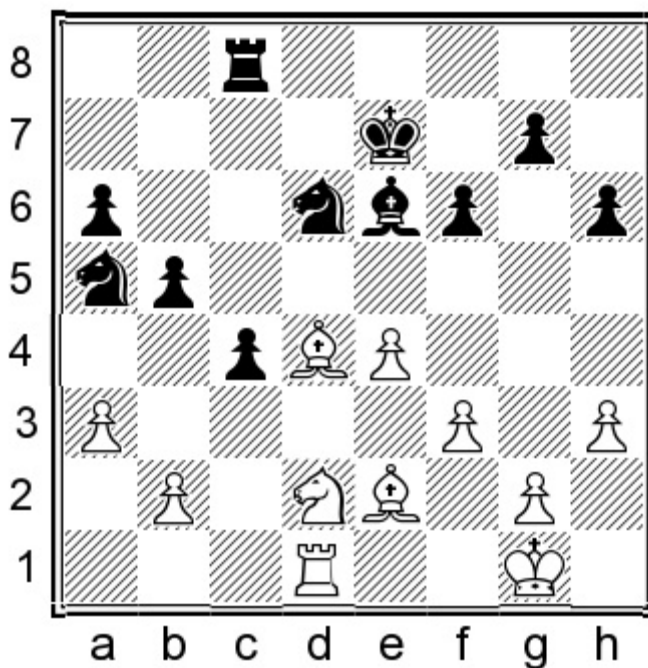
27...f6 28.♙f2 a5 29.e4 ♘d4= and White is shut down.

28.♙f2

28.♘b1 a5 29.♘c3 b4 30.axb4 axb4 31.♘d5+ ♙xd5 32.♖xd5 f6∞

28...♘a5 29.e4 White's edge is growing, and more importantly, my moves are really easy to come by, often a by-product of holding the two bishops.

29...a6 30.♙d4 f6



31.e5!+- ♘f5 32.♙c3 ♘c6 33.exf6+ gxf6 34.♘e4 ♖f8 35.g4

Perhaps 35.♙f2 was even more ruthless, as White is planning g4, without allowing Black the even smidgen of activity that he will get from ...Ne3.

35...♘e3 36.♖d6 ♘b8

36...♙d5 was the last chance to flail a bit, although White still has a choice of wins. 37.♖xf6 (37.♙xf6+ ♖xf6 38.♖xf6 ♙xe4 39.♖xh6 ♙d5 40.♙f2 ♘c2 41.h4 the pawns will overwhelm Black.) 37...♙xe4 38.♖xf8 ♙xf8 39.fxe4 seemed easy enough, the two bishops and a pawn to the good, and counterplay with ...a5 and ...b4 should not be quick enough.

37.♙b4 ♙f7 38.♖xe6 1-0

Round seven also went to plan.

E48

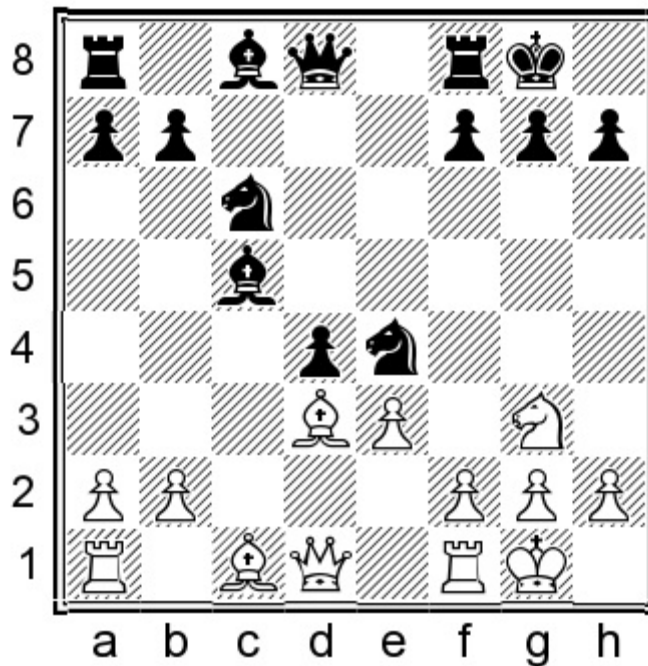
Mosnegutu, Klauss (2235) - Gormally, Daniel (2479)
Newcastle (open), 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♙d3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.♘e2 This line is hard to crack for Black, in the context of achieving winning chances.

7...c5 8.dxc5 This doesn't feel critical, as White loses some control over the important e5-square, which in itself allows Black to develop naturally and without problems.

8.a3 ♙xc3+ 9.bxc3 b6 10.O-O ♙a6 11.f3 would lead to a rather classic situation, where Black is consigned to restrain White's expansion in the centre.

8...♙xc5 9.O-O ♘c6 10.♘g3 d4 11.♘ce4 ♘xe4



12.♙xe4 Creating a threat of taking on h7, but this is fairly transparent.

12.♙xe4 ♙b6 13.♙h5 h6 having achieving the freeing d4 break, it is clear that Black is very active and has no problems, and can fight for the initiative.

12...g6 13.♙c2

13.♙f3 dxe3 14.♙xe3 ♙xe3 15.♙xe3 ♙d4=

13...♙b6! 14.♙xc6 ♙xc6 15.exd4

In the game I thought it was worth throwing in 15.♙e4 ♙b6 (15...h5) 16.♙xc6 bxc6 17.exd4 ♙xd4 as I assumed that with the knight on e4 this would be an improved version for White, however there is still no easy way for him to completely equalise. 18.♙d1 ♙g7 19.♙g5 ♙f5 20.♙f6+ ♙h8 - there is a threat of ...h6, so White will have to break the tension.

15...♙xd4 16.♚xc6 bxc6 I wasn't too bothered about the queens come off, as I've seen David Howell win such Gruenfeld endings with the two bishops before. I should be able to grind away for a while as there is no easy way for White to exchange the dark-squared bishops.

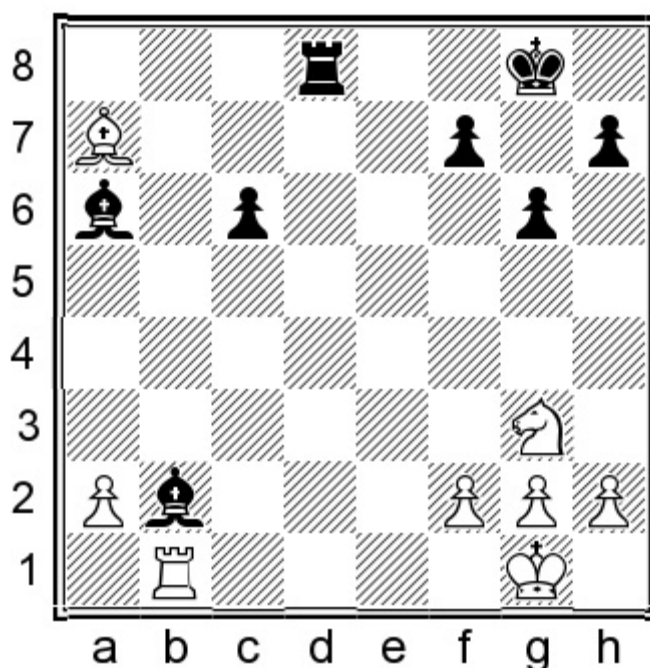
17.♞b1 The idea of this is quite obvious. White wants to play Be3, without hanging the b-pawn. If he manages to exchange dark-squared bishops he might even be better, as his queenside pawn structure is superior.

17.♞d1 c5 18.♙e3 ♙xb2 19.♞ab1 ♙g7 20.♙xc5 would have brought White full activity, although even here Black can still play. 20...♞e8 21.a4 ♙e6 Black has the better side of equality.

17...♙a6 18.♞d1 ♞fd8 19.♙e3? Too straightforward.

Objectively of course, White should hold here. One way was 19.♙g5!? f6 20.♙f4 ♙xb2 21.♙d6 the main tactical detail being that the Bishop is rather stranded on b2 (...Bc3 will run into Ne4). 21...♙e5 22.♙xe5 fxe5 23.♞e1=

19...♙xb2 20.♞xd8+ ♞xd8 21.♙xa7



21...♙e5

Black is clearly better here for several reasons:

1. Greater activity of the pieces.
2. The two bishops.
3. The White a-pawn is weak.
4. The black king is somewhat safer.

All these add up to a clear advantage.

22.a4 ♖d2

22...♙d4 23.♙xd4 ♖xd4 24.♖a1 f5 was a better way to do it apparently, as the long-term plan of bringing the black king to the centre, combined with simply pushing the c-pawn, was impossible for White to deal with.

23.♙e3 ♖a2 24.♖c1

The winner of the event Brandon Clarke, later suggested to me that my opponents' mistake in this game was never making any luft for his king. I wouldn't disagree, but his suggestion of 24.f4 here would not solve White's problems. 24...♙b2-+ - one plan is to bring the bishop to d5 via c4, which will put pressure on g2.

24...♙b2! In superior technical positions, you often emphasise your advantage with short-term tactics.

25.♖d1

25.♖xc6 ♖a1+-+

25...♖xa4 26.♖d8+ ♔g7 27.h3 h5 Black is a pawn up and has the two bishops and is completely winning. However, I was aware that even in completely winning positions, my technique isn't always the most formidable, so wanted to make sure that I didn't relax. My idea now is to squeeze the knight on g3, which is short of space.

28.h4 ♙f6

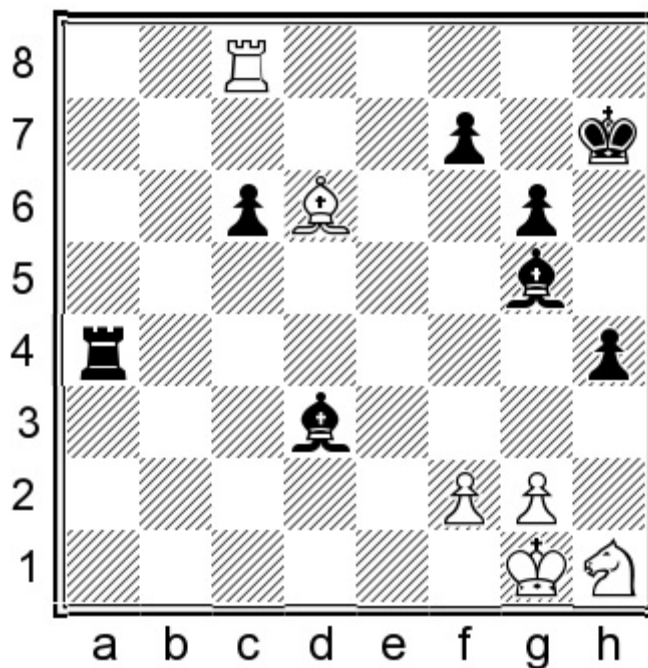
28...♖xh4 29.f4 was my opponent's idea trying to make the rook look bad, but even this is insufficient. 29...♖g4 30.♔h2 h4 31.♞e4 ♙f1 32.g3 hxg3+ 33.♞xg3 ♖h4+ 34.♔g1 ♙c4-+

29.♖e8 ♙d3 30.♙c5 ♙xh4 31.♙f8+ ♔h7 32.♖c8 ♙g5! Untypically ruthless.

33.♙d6

33.♖xc6 h4 34.♞h1 ♖a1+ 35.♔h2 ♙f4+ 36.g3 ♙e4 would have been a neat finish.

33...h4 34.♞h1



34...♔e4 Perhaps spending time with Keith Arkell has been useful after all, as patiently improving his pieces in the endgame is one of his greatest strengths. On d5 the bishop will be immovable, and will also help to set up threats like ...h3.

It is also worth pointing out that any positional advantage that I hold is increased by the state of his knight on h1, which might be one of the worse placed knights I have ever seen. He cannot even improve it by means of f3 and knight to f2, as this will always run into ...Be3, winning material.

35.♙e5 f6 36.♖c7+ ♔g8 37.♙d6 ♖d4 38.♖c8+ ♔f7 39.♙b8 ♙d5 40.♔h2 ♙c1 41.♖c7+ ♔e6 42.♖b7 ♖d1 43.♖b6 h3! Finally, the breakthrough.

44.f3 ♙e3 45.♖b2 hxg2 46.♔xg2 ♖g1+ 47.♔h2 ♙xf3 48.♘g3 ♖e1 49.♔h3 f5 50.♖b4 g5 51.♖b1 ♖xb1 0-1

Winning the tournament was Brandon Clarke, who is another young player on the rise.

I don't think he quite achieved a Grandmaster norm as he would have had to win one of his last two to get it on rating, although I don't suppose if he carries on with this progression it will take him that long anyway.

Perhaps his most impressive scalp was to win with the black pieces against Peter Wells, never an easy task, as the Swindon based grandmaster always brings both confidence and attacking flair to the table.

D85
Wells, Peter (2381) - Clarke, Brandon (2429)
Newcastle (open), 2021

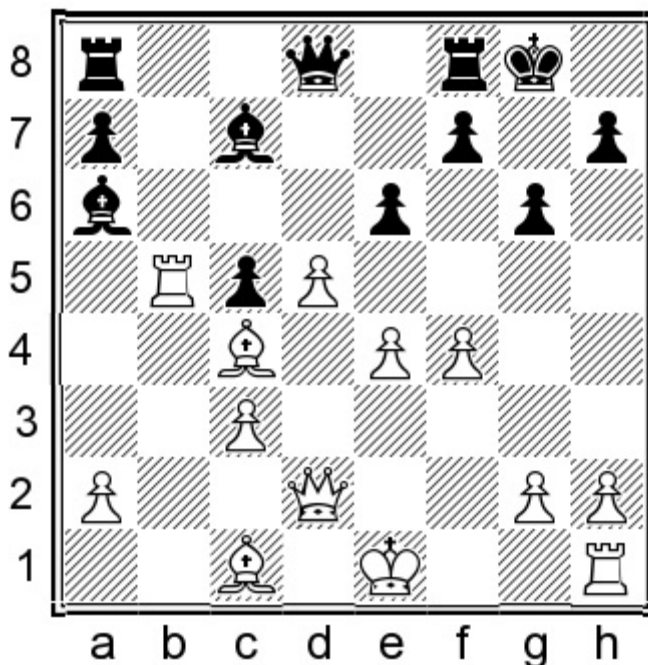
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♙g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♖b1 O-O 9.♙e2 ♘c6
 I've always found this line tricky to handle with White, as some pieces come off the board and the

plans available never seem that obvious to me.

10.d5 ♘e5 11.♘xe5 ♙xe5 12.♚d2 e6 13.f4 ♙c7 14.♙c4 b5 Black tries to expediate an idea.

14...a6! 15.a4 is a line that has been essayed a few times, and most of the games end in draws. 15...b5 (15...♚e8 is also comfortable for Black. 16.♙b3 exd5 17.♙xd5 ♙f5∞) 16.axb5 axb5 17.♙xb5 exd5 18.♙c6 ♖a6 (18...♚h4+ 19.g3 ♚h5 has even been played. 20.O-O (20.♙xa8? ♚f3 21.♖f1 ♚xe4+ 22.♙f2 ♚xb1-+) 20...♙h3=) 19.♙xd5 ♖d6 20.O-O ♙f5!=

15.♖xb5 ♙a6



16.a4? I think Wells made a miscalculation here.

Later he told me he should have just played 16.♖xc5! ♙xc4 17.♖xc4 exd5 18.♚xd5 when Black is the one struggling to equalise.

16...♙xb5 17.axb5 exd5?

17...e5! and White will have to give up a clear pawn with d6 to make the light-squared bishop as strong as it is in the game. 18.♚f2 exf4 19.♙xf4 ♚f6±

18.♙xd5 ♖b8 19.O-O

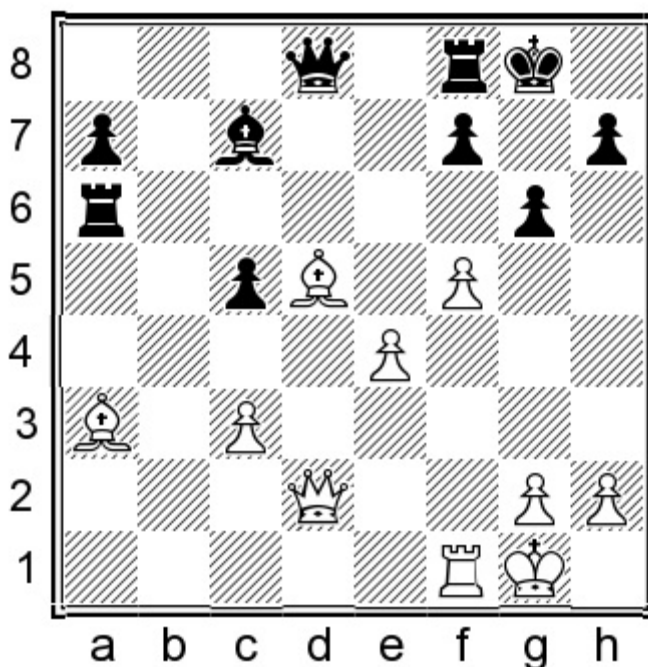
Having analysed the Gruenfeld with an engine for the Simon K. Williams website GCHES recently, it was striking how often the computer wanted to attack with the h-pawn. 19.h4!? ♖xb5 20.h5 ♖b1 21.♚c2 leads to murky play.

19.♚d3!?= simply defending the pawn, was also possible.

19...♖xb5 20.f5? Seemingly a natural attacking move but this weakens White's position, perhaps because it makes the bishop on c7 so much more relevant.

20...♖b6 21.♙a3 ♜a6?

21...gxf5 22.♙xc5 ♙xh2+ 23.♔xh2 ♚c7+≡



22.♙xc5?

I think the old Wells would have played 22.♚h6! without effort, however time erodes our attacking instincts and ability to carry out our best work. Not to mention that Wells was having to deal with "pandemic rust". 22...♖f6 (22...♖xa3 23.f6+-) 23.c4 leads to a very unclear position, but from a practical perspective I'd rather be White here, as the moves just seem to be easier to play. One of the points is that if Black tries to prevent the threat of Bb2 by playing ...Be5, then Bc5 will be played, and there will be no ...Bb6. 23...gxf5 24.♚g5+ ♜g6 25.♚xf5≡

22...♙b6 23.♙xb6 ♚xb6+ 24.♔h1 gxf5 25.exf5?⊕

25.e5 kept the game much more fluid, however in a normal situation it would not be easy to weigh up all these different scenarios, and Wells was in desperate time trouble.

25...♚f6-+ Now Black is containing all the play and is effectively winning.

26.g4 ♜d6

26...h6 just to prevent any play at all with g5. 27.♜g1 ♜d8 28.g5 ♚xf5 29.gxh6+ ♔h7 White has nothing.

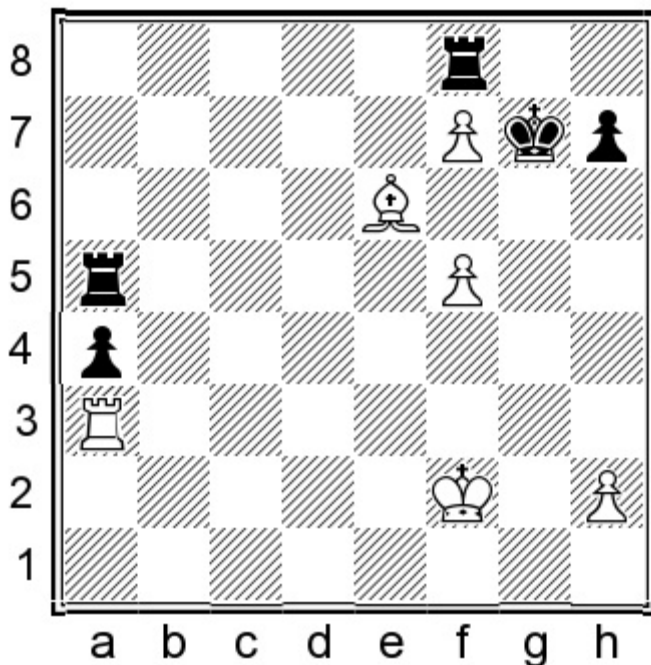
27.g5 ♚e5 28.c4 ♚e4+? 29.♔g1 ♚g4+ 30.♚g2 ♚xg2+ 31.♔xg2 a5 32.♜a1 ♜a6 33.c5? This feels like a mistake as you are loosening the bishop.

33.h4 a4 34.h5 creeping the pawns forward and effectively suffocating the black king, would have made the outcome rather unclear.

33...a4 34.♖a3 ♖a5? 35.g6 ♔g7 36.gxf7 ♖xc5 37.♙e6

37.♖g3+ ♔f6 38.♖g8 with the idea that the king can hardly go to e7, as there is an f6 trick. 38...♖cc8 39.♙e6 ♖a8 40.♔h3 a3 41.♙d5 ♖ab8 42.♔g4 and Black can't make progress.

37...♖a5 38.♔f2



38...♖xf7! Forcing the game into a technically winning rook ending.

39.♙xf7 ♔xf7 40.♔e3 ♔f6 41.♔e4 h6 42.h3 h5 43.h4 ♖a8 44.♔f4 ♖a7 45.♔e4 ♖a5 46.♔d4 ♔xf5 47.♔c4 ♔g4 48.♔c3 ♔xh4 49.♔b2 ♔g4 50.♖c3 h4 51.♖c4+ ♔h5 52.♖c8 h3 53.♔a3 ♖g5 54.♔xa4 ♔h4 55.♖c2 ♖g2 56.♖c8 h2 0-1

In round eight I played Brandon and I was White. The game soon boiled down a position that was more or less completely equal, and I agreed to a draw.

I could have played on of course, as there was still play left. What I did in the final round was probably much worse - agreeing to a draw with Peter Wells in only six moves.

By agreeing on a draw, we took ourselves out of the possibility of winning the tournament.

I would like to say that the consideration in this case was money, as the drop with a loss was quite considerable. 7/9 promised around GBP 400, 7½/9 either GBP 600 or GBP 800, but 6½/9 was a dizzying drop to only around GBP 75.

Unfortunately as a chess player you always have to weigh up such issues. However the previous day I had a fortunate finish in the golf, bagging me GBP 2.700 profit, and a few days before that I had won around GBP 7.700, so for once I couldn't blame money.

The real reason that I agreed to these draws was that I feared the painful psychological fallout that would come with a loss, and ruining what was otherwise an excellent event. OK in the end I might

have lost three or four rating points, but it's not every day you get 7/9 unbeaten. I was happy to start back after the pandemic with such an excellent performance, and it bodes very well for the future.

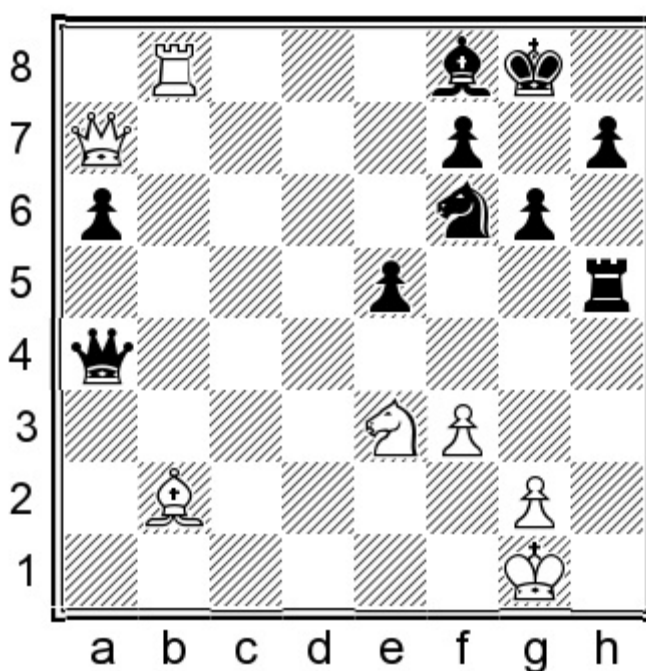
The GM section seemed to feature the most interesting chess, perhaps unsurprisingly.

One of the players who did well was Callum Kilpatrick, who sounds like he's from Ireland but actually represents England.

Callum hasn't played a tournament for over three years apparently, which makes everyone else's absence from the game seem quite trivial by comparison.

He had a fortunate win in the final round which enabled him to gain an I. M. norm.

Kilpatrick, Callum (2381) - Roberson, Peter (2437)
Newcastle, 2021



1...Qa5?? Nine games in five days against tough opposition can give rise to some strange mistakes. Extreme fatigue sets in, and all of a sudden you hit a wall and don't know who you are anymore, let alone what your next move should be.

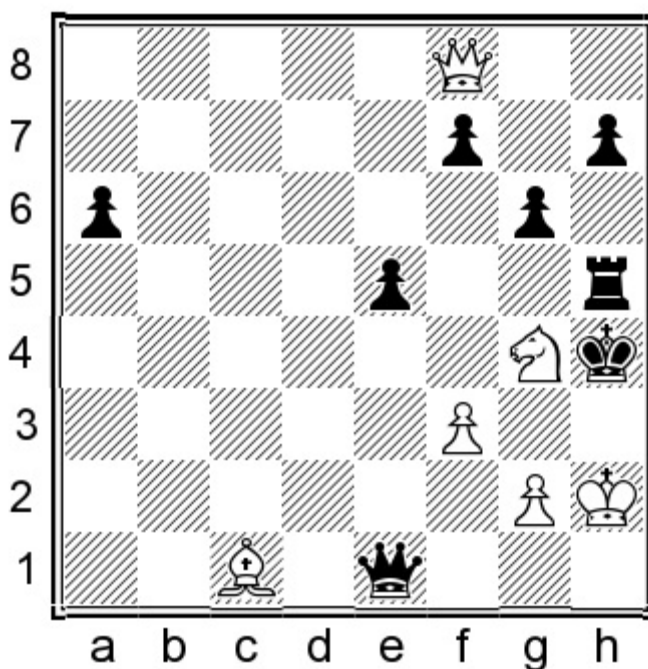
Black could have tidied up with 1...Nd7 2. Rd8 Rh1+! - perhaps this is what Peter missed in his calculations. (2...Bb3-+ is also sufficient, with the idea that if White takes on d7 with the queen then e3 falls with check, and if he takes on d7 with the rook, then b2 is hanging and in that case White doesn't really have any threats.) 3. Qxh1 Qh4+ 4. Qg1 Qxd8-+ with an easy win.

2. Qe7 White has been thrashing around for the last few moves trying to hustle up some compensation for his missing pawns, and was presumably very pleased at this point that he had finally gained something concrete for his efforts.

2...♘d7 3.♙a3 Ruthless. White goes for the main prize - the black king.

The simple 3.♙xd7 was also good enough.

3...♖g7 4.♖xf8 ♘xf8 5.♙xf8+ ♖f6 6.♙e7+ ♖g7 7.♙f8+ ♖f6 8.♘g4+ ♖g5 9.♙c1+ ♖h4 10.♖h2 ♙e1



11.♙b4?? A serious mistake, except it goes unpunished.

11.♙e7+ f6 12.♙xf6+ g5 13.♘f2 was one way to get it done. 13...♙xf2 14.♙xe5+-;

11.♘f2 ♙xc1 12.♘e4+-

11...♙g3+??

11...♙xb4? 12.g3#;

11...♙xc1! and there is no win. 12.♙e7+ f6 13.♘xf6 ♙f4+=

12.♖g1 ♖f5 13.♘xe5+ ♖h5 14.♙g4+ Black resigned. 1-0

Roberson had more luck in round six against one of the unfortunate back markers of the tournament, in David Eggleston.

David and his twin brother Thomas have been mainstays on the English chess circuit for years and they hail from the charming Cathedral city of Durham, which is just south of Newcastle.

Although Thomas has stayed in Durham, David has recently purchased a bachelor flat in Newcastle itself.

David's focus workwise is chess coaching, but he still has designs on the Grandmaster title itself. While he has enough norms, he still has to reach the 2500 rating requirement to get the title.

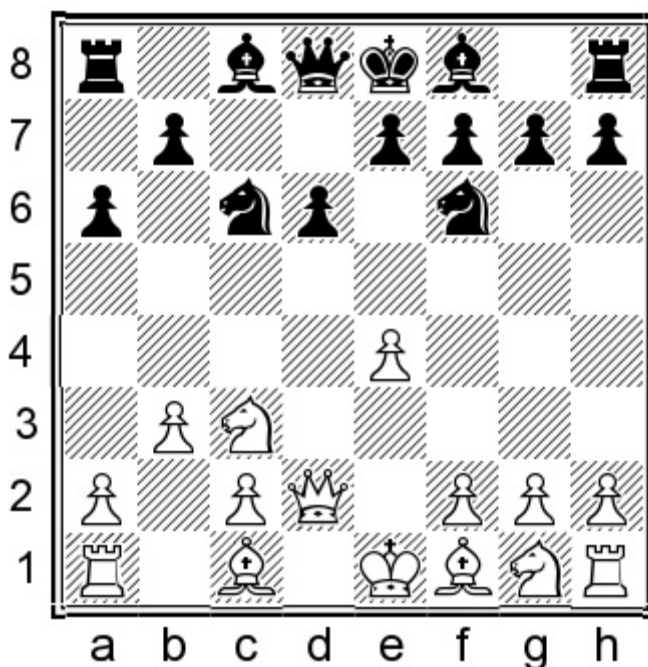
I personally think David will struggle to reach that rating unless he completely focuses on the playing

side of the game, a decision that would be difficult to justify given the meagre financial rewards.

B23
Roberson, Peter (2437) - Eggleston, David (2381)
Newcastle, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.d4 Roberson is not a big theory guy and is often going for side lines like this.

3...cxd4 4.♙xd4 a6 5.b3 ♘c6 6.♙d2 ♘f6



7.♙b2 Nevertheless, White has emerged with an interesting and playable position. I can imagine that Magnus Carlsen approves.

7...e6 8.O-O-O b5 9.f3 ♙e7 10.♙b1 b4 A good decision, I feel, forcing the knight to the edge of the board. Nce2 looks rather awkward with the knight on g1 still undeveloped.

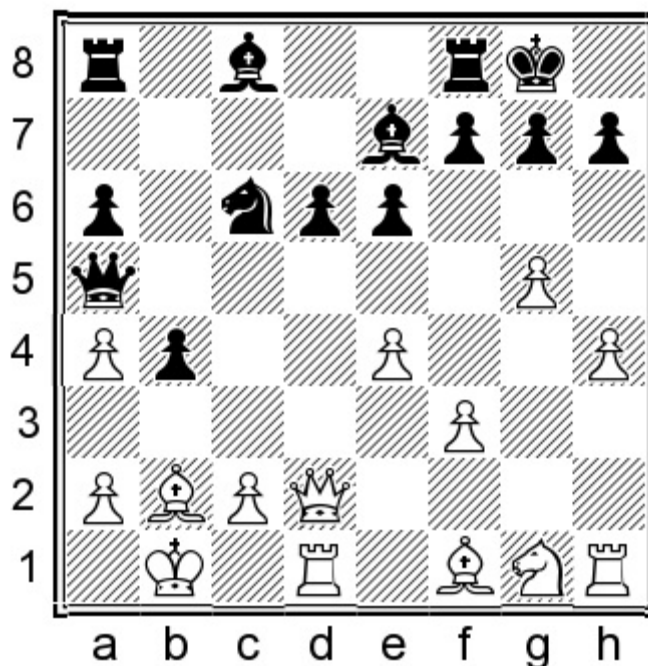
11.♘a4 O-O 12.g4 ♘d7 13.h4 ♘c5 David has a direct style and is good at forcing his opponent to make difficult positional decisions - should White take on c5 or not?

14.g5

14.♘xc5 dxc5 15.♙xd8 ♖xd8 16.♖xd8+ ♙xd8 17.♙c4 was playable, although the game would have taken a completely different course, and Black rarely minds going into the ending in the Sicilian.

14...♘xa4 15.bxa4 ♙a5

Perhaps it was better to go for direct play with 15...♘a5 16.f4 ♙c7 intending ...Nc4, although this still seems rather scary for Black after the blunt reply 17.f5!



16.♙c4?! Eventually the bishop ends up losing some time, so this was not the most accurate.

16.f4 ♖xa4 17.♘f3+- was a better way of achieving the same situation that White had in the game - that of setting everything towards the kingside, where his attacking prospects are extremely bright. The h5 and g6 advance is coming, while it is not easy to see how Black manages counterplay on the other wing.

16...♖xa4 17.h5 ♘a5! Eggie, as we call him on the British chess scene, is typically quite accurate in these sharp tactical situations.

18.♙b3 ♘xb3 19.axb3 ♖b5 Now Black has good play on the light-squares and a clear plan of ...a5-a4 creating counterplay, so the situation is unclear.

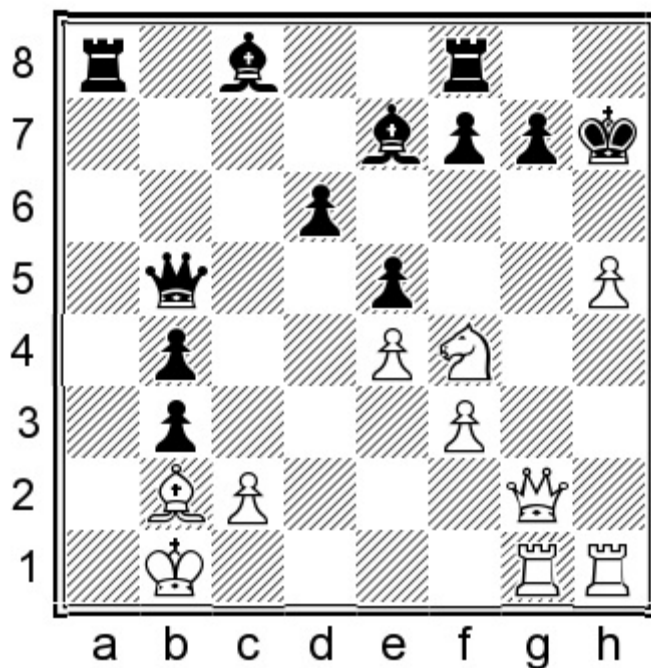
20.g6? This is too rash. Patience is still important even in attacking situations!

20.♘e2! The old rules still apply - develop your pieces! 20...e5 (20...a5? 21.♙f6! is an unpleasant jolt. Whether this would have been found on the board, is another matter... (21.♘d4 ♖c5 22.f4 is just about playable, for those who can't find genius turns like Bf6!) 21...gxf6 (21...♖e8 22.♙xe7 ♖xe7 23.♖xd6+-) 22.gxf6 ♙xf6 23.♖dg1+ ♔h8 24.♖h6+- this is why you need to play Ne2 earlier, so that the rook has a square on g1.) 21.♘g3∞ and the game was fairly unclear.

20...e5

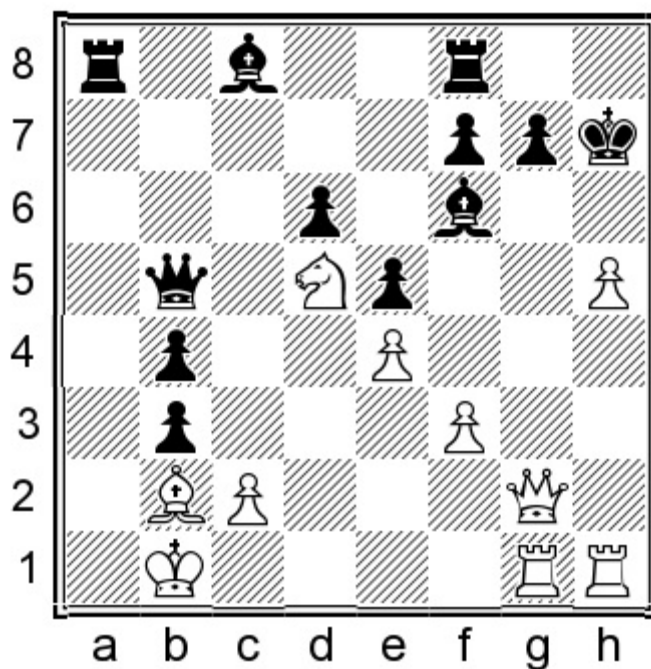
As Eggie told me later in the bar, 20...h6! was simplest and would have avoided all these complications that occurred later, as White doesn't even gain the open h-file. 21.gxf7+ ♖xf7 22.♘e2 a5 now the plan of ...a4 is simple and strong, as White doesn't have a convincing way to mix it up.

21.gxh7+ ♔xh7 22.♖g2 a5 23.♘e2 a4 24.♘f4 axb3 25.♖dg1



25...bxc2+??

The only way to rescue the game was with a brilliant queen sacrifice: 25...♕f6! 26.♘d5



26...♕xd5!! 27.exd5 ♕f5 28.♕g3 ♕xc2+ 29.♔c1 ♖fc8 30.♖h4 ♕e4+ 31.♔d1 ♕c2+ 32.♔c1=

26.♔c1→ Now the attack is simply too strong.

26...♕f6

26...♖g8 27.♕g6+ ♔h8 28.♕xf7+-

27.♘d5 ♕xd5 28.exd5 b3 29.f4 ♖a2 30.fxe5 dxe5 31.♖f1 ♕d7 32.♖xf6 1-0

The two players who dominated the GM section were Conor Murphy and Ravi Haria.

Ravi has done a lot of work of late on the game, and his results are starting to reflect that, because there is a sharper edge to his play. Although he has now apparently got a job, a very sensible decision because being a professional chess player is a very stressful way to live and there is a lot more money in other activities.

Someone who is also improving fast is Conor Murphy and he also scored a GM norm. Conor is someone who I have some kind of chess connection with, as I know he has spent some time at Charlton chess club and that's the chess club in London that I cut my teeth at.

In round one he faced Alexander Cherniaev from Russia. To say that Alex had a bad tournament would be something of an understatement, and he even came in for some flak from people watching online who accused him of throwing his games, although some wit countered by saying that over-estimated his ability.

I know Alex quite well and he's quite an emotional guy. These sort of characters can often have bad results. Probably a much simpler explanation is available, and he was simply suffering from pandemic rust.

C65
Cherniaev, Alexander (2438) - Murphy, Conor (2382)
Newcastle, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 ♘f6

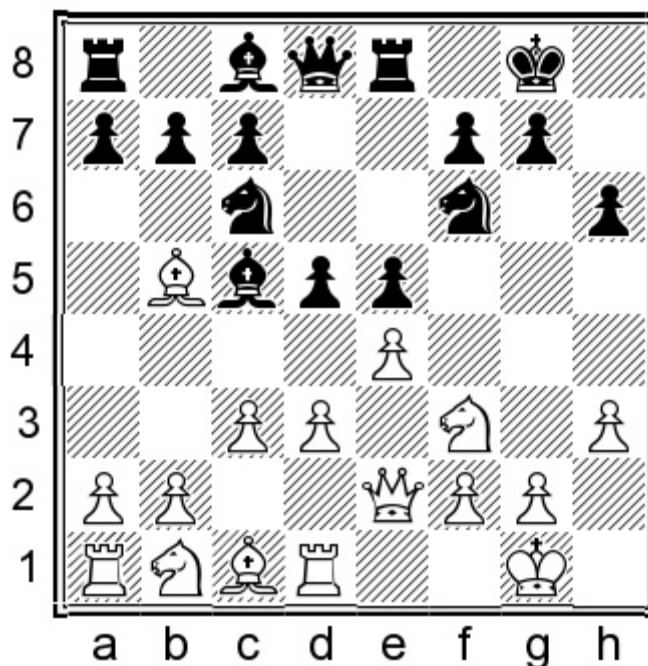
The dreaded Berlin defence, which of late has even forced supergrandmasters to flee to insipid Bc4 systems in search of some kind of playable position.

4.♙e2 I'm not sure this is called the Worrall attack because that normally happens in the Ruy Lopez proper, but I like that system in general and I like this as well. The queen sits well here and the long term plan is to play c3, put the rook on d1 and play for d4. Incidentally Alex is something of an expert on openings, which is probably why he has been hired by luminaires like Anatoly Karpov in the past. I can always remember the passion that Alex puts into explaining opening systems. His approach feels a lot closer to what a supergrandmaster would approach the opening phase than most players of my level, with the emphasis being put on the fight for the initiative at the very beginning of the game.

4...♙c5 5.c3 O-O 6.O-O ♖e8 7.d3

7.♖d1 d5 8.d3 The engine prefers Black here, but I think it will always normalise. We've seen Magnus Carlsen win from these kind of positions a fair bit.

7...h6 8.h3 d5 9.♖d1



9...♔e7

Black tried to re-route the knight in the game, and a better way of carrying out that same plan might have been 9...♘d6 10.♞bd2 ♘d7 11.♙a4 ♞e7! - this is a very normal re-routing in the Ruy Lopez, the knight heads for an excellent square on g6, from where it can target the white kingside. 12.♙xd7 (12.♙c2?! ♞g6 13.♞f1 c6 14.♞g3 a5+) 12...♔xd7 13.exd5 ♞exd5 14.♞c4=

10.♞bd2 ♘d7 11.♙a4 ♞d8 12.♙b3

As this was the first round, something less ambitious like 12.♙xd7 ♔xd7 13.exd5 ♔xd5 14.♞e4 when not much is going on, might have been in order. But Alex is true to his style, and goes for a tense game instead.

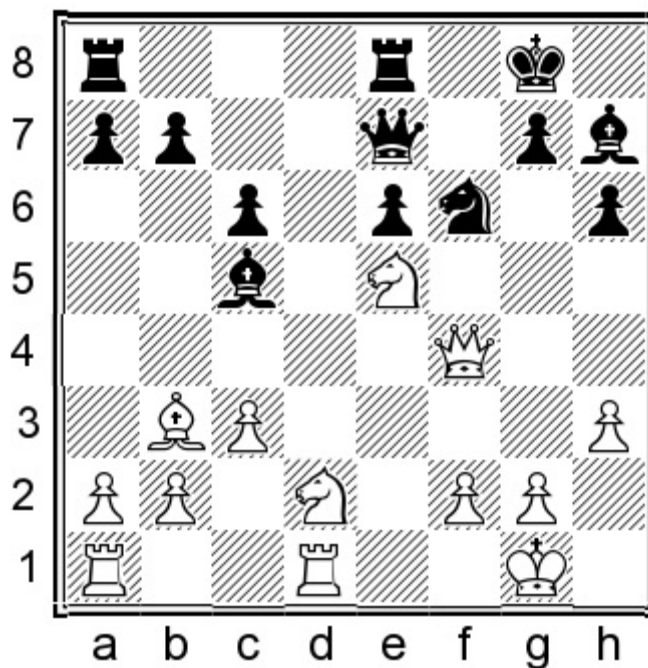
12...♞e6 13.♞f1 dxe4 14.dxe4 ♞f4 15.♙xf4 exf4 16.e5 ♙c6 17.e6 White sacrifices a pawn to open up new vistas on the light-squares.

17.♞1d2 ♞d7 18.♞e1 ♞f8 White's game looks quite promising to me here, although it is true that if he sets up a Qc2/Bd3 attacking complex, he won't threaten much as the knight is a good defender of h7.

17...fxe6 18.♞e5 ♙e4 19.♞d2 ♙h7 20.♔f3 This isn't bad but the reason you could question this move is that it takes away a square from the knight. Sometimes straightforward play is enough.

20.♞df3 with the idea of playing Bc2. White has full compensation.

20...c6 21.♔xf4



21...♖f8! Black already hints at an attack on f2.

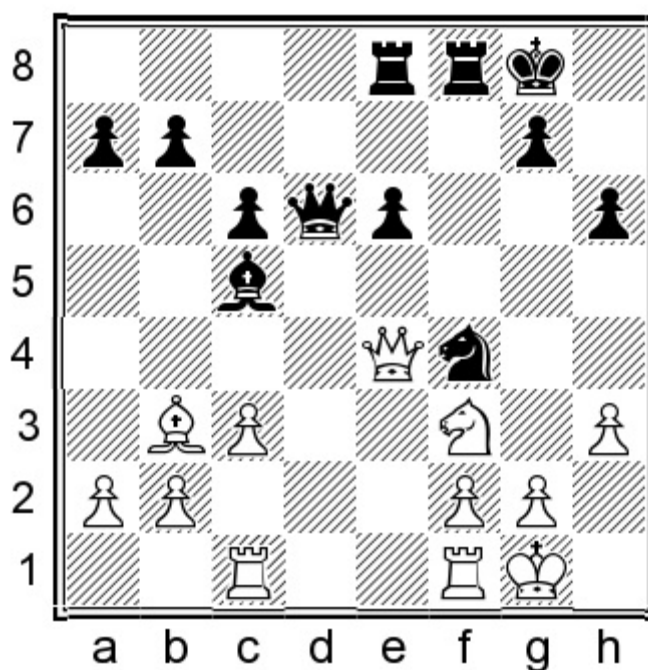
22.♙h4 ♜ae8 A calm strengthening of the position.

23.♘ef3 ♛c7 24.♞ac1 A strange looking move, but White prepares Bc2, which has some sense to it.

24...♞d5 25.♛c4? When we are tense and lacking in form, we often resort to the superficial. This move looks rather ugly and is, and it invites a further strengthening of Black's position.

25...♛b6? A natural looking move but apparently wrong.

25...♛d6! 26.♞f1 ♞f4 27.♞e4 ♞xe4 28.♛xe4



28...♖xh3+! shows why the queen should go to d6, not b6. 29.gxh3 ♖g3+ 30.♕h1 ♖xf3+♚

26.♖f1? White suffers a complete collapse.

In more uncompromising mood White might have found 26.♖f1! ♖f4 (26...♗f4 27.♗e4= The important thing is that this hits c5, so there is no time for ...Nh3 and ...Rf3.) 27.♖e2 when no way of crashing through is obviously available.

26...♗f4

26...e5! is crushing, because the blunt threat is ...e4 (the knight on f3 is an important defensive factor for White, blocking the f-file). 27.♖e2 ♕h8 28.♗xd5 cxd5 29.b4 ♗d6-+

27.♗c4 ♖c7 28.♗d4?

28.♗ce5 ♗e4 29.♖d7 ♖b8+

28...♕h8-+ - the threat is ...e5 and that is crushing.

29.♗c2 e5 30.♗b3 ♗xf2+! 31.♖xf2 ♗xh3+ 32.gxh3 ♖xf2 0-1

A good start for Murphy, which is key when chasing a GM norm. I can't recall anyone ever scoring a norm who started a tournament badly.

Mr Entertainment

The tournament report would not be complete without mentioning the comeback performance of Mike Basman, who was a creative force in English chess for many years before essentially quitting over the board play to focus on coaching and his highly successful UK chess challenge.

Basman is rather unique in that he favours early g4 systems in the opening, and in fact has a number of interesting ideas in the opening phase. True creativity is rare in the chess world these days, which is over-populated by engine slaves and those who favour openings which kill the game from an early stage.

Not the case for Mike. As his protege Anuurai Sainbayar said to me, we are never boring, and Mike is never boring either. Indeed he even did a little Armenian tap-dance after a meal at the Italian restaurant, which got the local clientele roaring for more.

I sensed as the tournament wore on Mike got tired, which is not surprising, as nine games in five days is more than enough for most of us. Perhaps his most entertaining game was against Dong.

A00
Basman, Michael (2289) - Dong, Bao Nghia (2227)
Newcastle (open), 2021

1.g4

The Grob attack. Of course this creates weaknesses in White's position, but with careful play this might not become an issue, and often the advantage of such an opening is the psychological one. The

player with the black pieces already feels the onus to attack and do well - how can he play this rubbish against me? Could be the general vibe.

1...d5 2.h3

2.♙g2 ♙xg4 3.c4 might give some play for the pawn, but if Black doesn't take on g4 then White would probably have to play h3 at some point anyway.

2...e5 3.♙g2 c6

3...♘c6! because the best way to expose a somewhat dubious opening choice, is to play as actively as possible. 4.d3 ♘ge7 5.♘f3 ♘g6

4.d4 e4 5.♙f4 ♙d6 6.♚d2?!

6.♙xd6 ♚xd6 7.c4 Although Black is still for preference here, as the bishop on g2 is rather blunted by the pawn on e4, and the undermining f3 break is not without it's downsides.

6...♘e7 Perhaps this is not surprising. Black is just playing normal chess, developing his pieces and not trying to do anything too special. However, just because it is the opening, that does not mean that we should be alive to opportunities to punish our opponents.

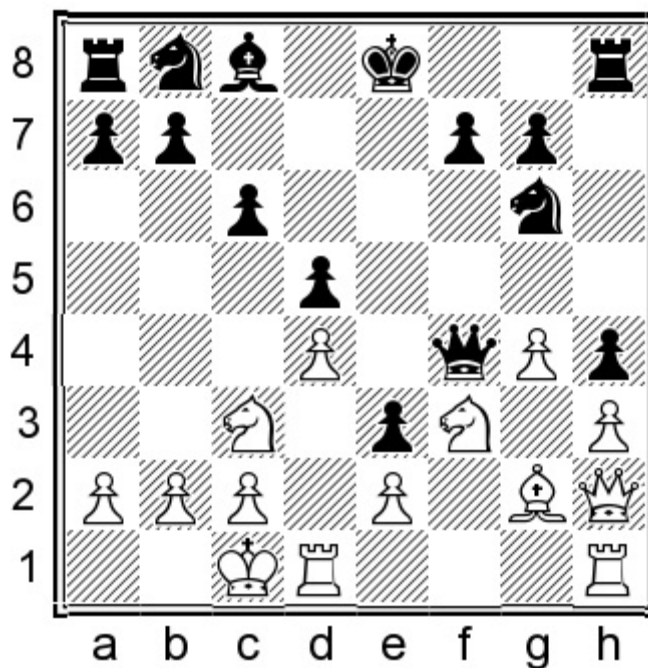
6...♙xf4 7.♚xf4 ♚b6 was a greedy continuation that might have put the question to White's play.

8.♘d2 ♚xb2 9.♚b1 ♚xd4-+ and the black queen resembles pacman, a video game that was popular around about the last period when Basman was active on the chess board.

7.♘c3 ♙xf4 8.♚xf4 ♘g6 9.♚g3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.O-O-O h4

11...♚h4! 12.♚xh4 ♘xh4 13.♖h2 f5 and White will not be able to get to e3, an important point. 14.gxf5 ♙xf5-+

12.♚h2 ♚g5 13.f4 ♚xf4 14.♘f3



14...f5? A blunder according to Mike, who was kind enough to show us the game on his pocket set in the Italian restaurant.

15.gxf5

15.♔g1! fxg4 16.hxg4 ♕xg4? 17.♕h3! and you start to see the upside of this early g4 stuff; how confusingly dynamic it can be for the other side to handle. 17...♕f5 18.♖f1+-

15...♕xf5 16.♖df1 ♜a6 17.♞e5! ♝xh2 18.♞xh2 ♞e7? A rather strange retreat, leaving the e-pawn to its fate.

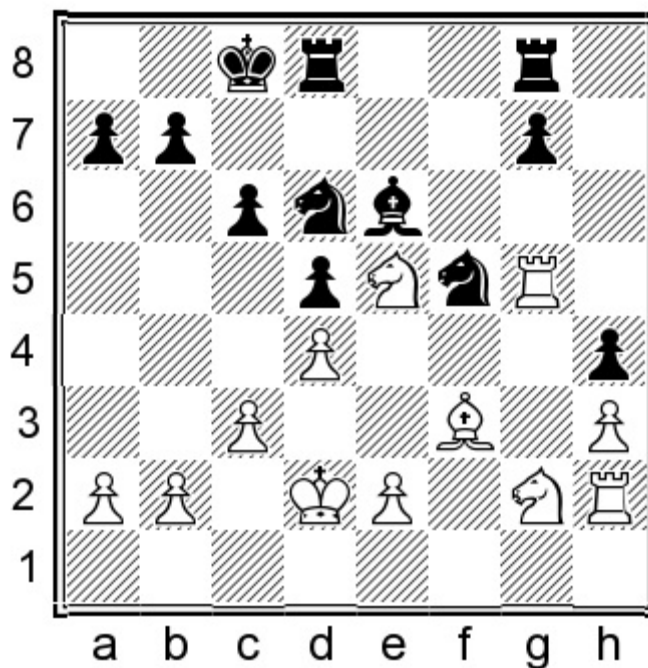
18...♞xe5 19.♞xf5 ♞f7 20.♞d1 looks about equal.

19.♞d1 ♞f8 20.♞xe3 O-O-O 21.♕f3 White has a winning position already, as the Black position is riddled with weaknesses.

21...♕e6 22.♞g1 ♞g8 23.♔d2

23.♞hg2 ♕xh3 24.♞h2 ♕e6 25.♞xh4+- is a clever sequence, when the rook will raid to h7, with full activity.

23...♞c7 24.c3 ♞e8 25.♞g5 ♞d6 26.♞g2 ♞ef5



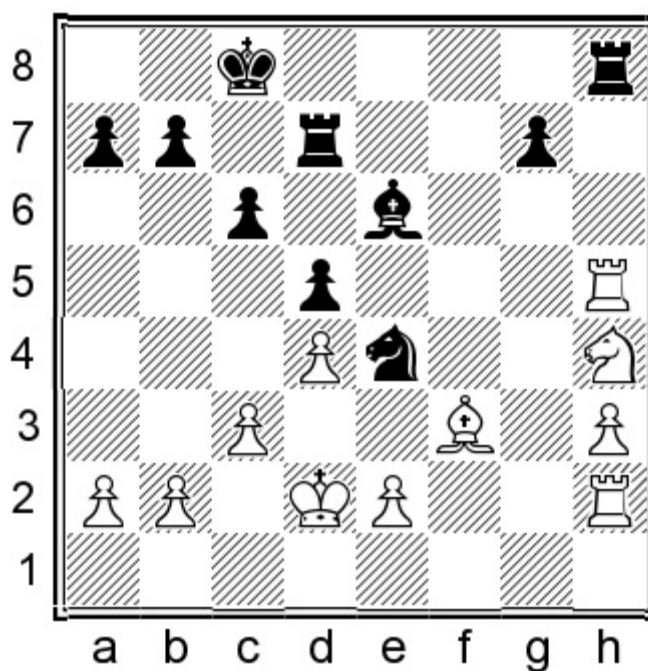
27. Bg6? Inviting a hidden resource.

27. Bf4 Bd7 28. Qc1 Qc7 29. Bg4 Bc8 30. Bfg6 a5 31. Bxf5 Bxf5 32. Rf2 Bd6 33. Rf3 was an engine sequence which would have left White in a commanding position - a pawn to the good and with rampant activity to boot.

27... Bb7

27... Bg3! 28. Qe1 Bf7! and White drops an exchange.

28. B2xh4 Bxh4 29. Bxh4 Bb8 30. Bb5 Be4+



31. Qe3?? Clearly Mike had a blindspot with the g3-square in this game!

Mike suggested that 31.♔e1+- would have given him good chances to grind out the extra pawn, but this is way too pessimistic. In fact the engine suggests that White is simply winning here.

31...♖xh5 32.♙xh5 ♜g3! A player as tactically sharp as Dong, is not likely to allow the same chance to escape twice.

33.♙g4 ♙xg4 34.♔f4 ♜f1 35.♖h1 ♙xe2 36.♜g6 ♖f7+ 37.♔e5 ♜g3 0-1

GOLDMONEY ASIAN RAPID

By GM Priyadharshan Kannappan

Tournament Report

A tournament designed to give prominence to Asian players and audiences was the Goldmoney Asian Rapid Tournament. Asia is becoming the epicentre in producing chess prodigies. This Asian growth story is not just limited to India and China, as you now have prodigies come up from countries like Uzbekistan. So, it makes a lot of sense to have a tournament designed to highlight the Asian stars in the Champions Chess Tour.

The organizers chose a mix of Asian stars and upcoming players like Ding Liren, Vidit Gujrathi, Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi. Then we had the tour regulars like Carlsen, Aronian, So etc., which made the event very exciting.

The games started on early evenings Asian time. That was a big relief for the Asian chess fans, as they generally miss out on the live-action of the elite tournaments organized by the European and American organizers, as it would be too late or too early to follow the live streams of the games.

Champions Chess Tour events generally start with an all play all preliminaries, followed by the knockouts. Armenian Super GM Levon Aronian topped the preliminary table by racking up a score of 10½/15 and then went on to win the knockouts by defeating GM Vladislav Artemiev in the final.

The breakthrough performance in this event was by the 17-year-old GM Arjun Erigaisi of India. Arjun is definitely a big talent to watch out for, so let's see how he shapes his super-GM journey. As I write this article, Arjun has crossed the 2600 rating at the Riga Technical University Open. So, we will be hearing a lot more about this young lad in the coming years.

Let's now jump to the games and snippets of positions categorized under endgame tragedies, Equalizers, and Tactics.

There were four Indian participants in the event, and Arjun was the only one who made it to the knockouts of this tournament.

As India has been churning out chess prodigies every year, it's tough for the general audience to keep track of all the players, but trust me, Arjun is undoubtedly a name you will hear for many more years in the future.

So, I decided to look at one of his dashing wins from the event against Women's World #1 Hou Yifan.

Priyadharshan Kannappan	
• Country: India	
• Born: 1993	
• Rating: 2553	
• Peak rating: 2554	
• Title: Grandmaster since 2016	

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d2!? Who would have thought such a harmless bishop move would end up being one of the most popular moves in recent times?

5...b6 6.♘f3 ♘b7 7.♗d3 ♗xc3?! It seems a bit premature, in my opinion.

Most likely, Hou wasn't prepared for this line as this 5.Bd2 has become more popular only recently, and as a semi-active player she may not be knowing the latest trends. So overall, it was a smart opening choice by Arjun.

7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.O-O Black has various attractive options here.

8.♗xc3 ♘e4 9.♗xe4 ♗xe4 10.d5! c5?

10...f6 11.♘h4!? (11.♘d2 ♗g6 12.h4 h6 13.♖g4↑)
11...♗e8 12.f3 ♗g6 13.e4±;

10...exd5 11.♖d4! f6 (11...♖f6 12.♖xf6 gxf6 13.cxd5 ♗xd5 14.♗xf6± I will take White any day in this position as the black king is in danger, and there are no big positives about Black's position in general.) 12.cxd5 ♖e8 13.♘d2 ♗g6 14.O-O± The black pieces lack coordination, and White is dominating the centre of the board.

11.♘d2

11.h4!?

11...♗f5N

11...exd5 12.♘xe4 dxe4 13.♖g4 f6 14.♖xe4 ♘c6 15.♖d1± The backward pawn on d7 will be a big problem for Black.

Previously 11...♗g6 12.h4 exd5 13.cxd5 d6 (Artemiev, Vladislav 2709 - Andreikin, Dmitry 2725, lichess.org (Internet-m/6-blitz) 2021) 14.♖e2!? h6 15.g4→;

11...♗xg2

12.e4

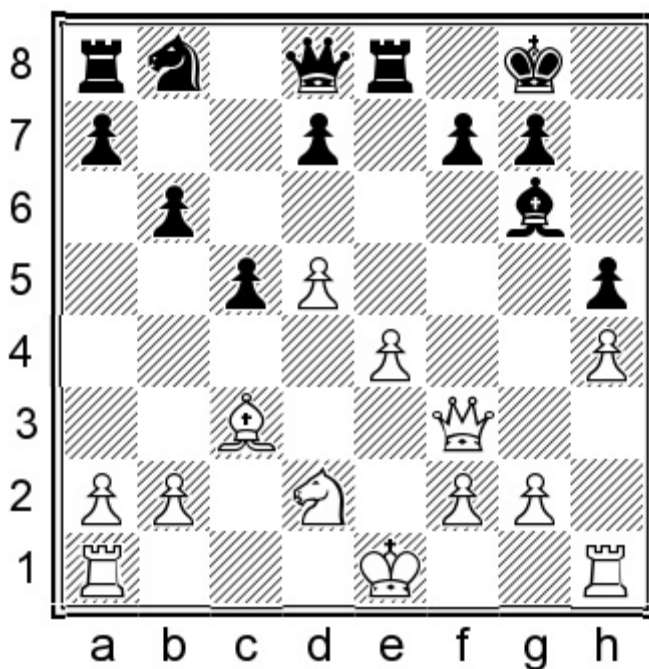
12.♖f3 ♘a6 13.e4 exd5 14.cxd5! (14.exf5?? ♖e8+ 15.♔f1 d4±) 14...♗g6 15.h4+-

12...exd5 13.cxd5 ♖e8?!



13...♙xe4 14.♘xe4 ♚e7 15.f3 f5 16.O-O fxe4 17.♖e1 e3 18.♗d3 ♜e8 19.♞e2 ♗d6 20.♞xe3 ♞xe3 21.♗xe3±

14.♗f3 ♙g6 15.h4 h5



16.g4! Increasing the pressure!

16...♙xe4 17.♘xe4 ♚e7 18.O-O-O

18.♙d2 As we are heading to an endgame, it makes more sense to keep the king on d2 instead of c1 after castling long.

18...♗xe4 19.♗xe4 ♞xe4 20.gxh5 f6 21.♞dg1 ♙h7 22.♞g6 ♘a6 23.♞hg1 ♞e7 24.h6! Dismantling the kingside pawns.

24...♘b4 25.♙xb4 cxb4 26.♞xg7+ ♞xg7 27.hxg7 ♙g8

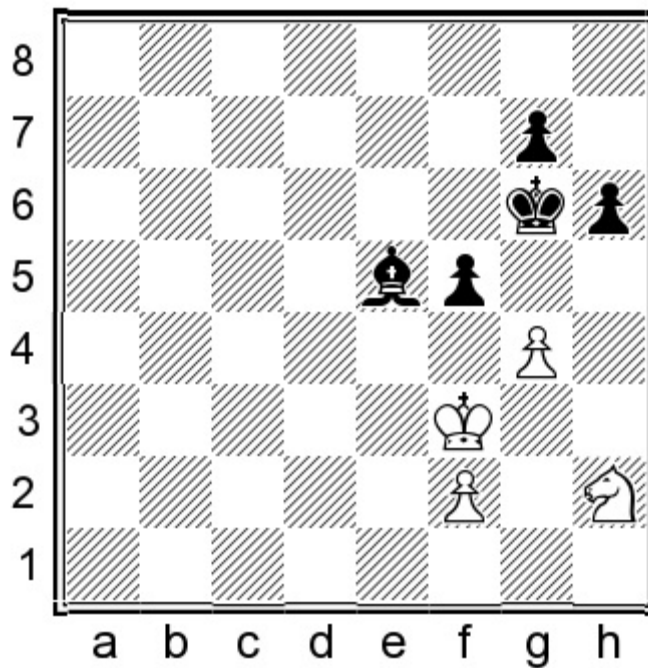
27...♞g8 28.♙c2 ♞xg7 29.♞xg7+ ♙xg7 30.♙b3 ♙g6 31.♙xb4 ♙h5 32.♙b5 ♙xh4 33.♙a6 ♙g4 34.a4 ♙f3 35.♙xa7 ♙xf2 36.♙xb6+-

28.h5 ♞c8+ 29.♙d2 ♞c5 30.h6 ♞xd5+ 31.♙e3 ♞h5 32.♞g6 ♞h3+ 33.f3 1-0

Arjun kept on playing the most energetic moves, and Yifan had no answers to the problems posed by Arjun's pieces.

I am hoping to see more of such Arjun Erigaisi games in the future!

Adhiban, Baskaran (2660) - So, Wesley (2770)
chess24.com (Internet-rapid), 2021



Wesley sets a sly trap in a drawish endgame. Will Adhiban fall for it?

45.gxf5?? Adhiban falls for the trap, as he plays the most natural move in the position

45.♖f1 The drawing continuation. 45...♗g5 (45...fxg4+ 46.♗xg4 h5+ 47.♗f3! (47.♗h3?? This move loses to 47...♕f4 The knight on f1 is now trapped, and if it comes out to e3, g3, or h2 White must enter a losing pawn endgame. 48.♖g3 (48.♖h2 ♕xh2 49.♗xh2 ♗f5 50.♗g3 g5 51.f3 h4+ 52.♗h3 ♗f4 53.♗g2 ♗e3-+) 48...♕xg3 49.fxg3 ♗g5 50.♗h2 ♗g4 51.♗g2 g5 52.♗h2 ♗f3 53.♗h3 g4+ 54.♗h4 ♗g2 55.♗xh5 ♗xg3-+)) 46.gxf5 ♗xf5 47.♖e3+ The knight is active and jumping now 47...♗g5 48.♗g2=

45...♗xf5 Black takes control of the f4-square, and that's the key to win this position.

46.♖g4

46.♗g2 ♕xh2 47.♗xh2 ♗f4 48.♗g2 g5 49.f3 h5-+;

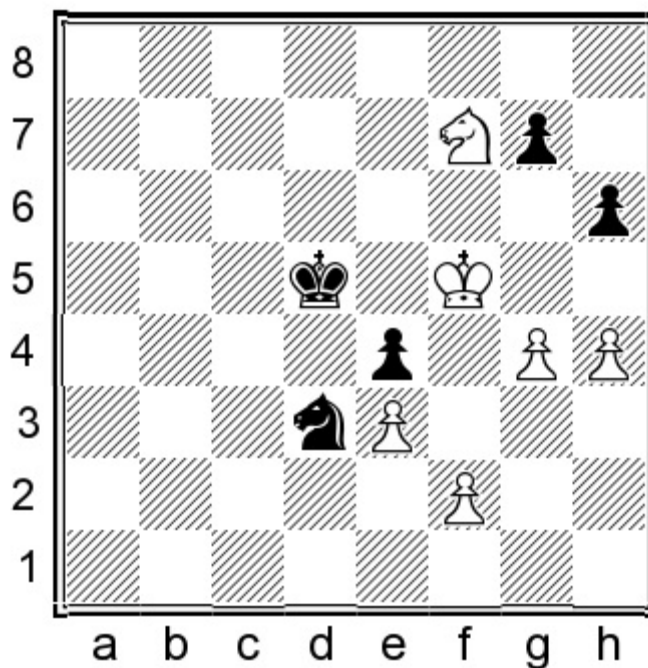
46.♖f1 ♕f4 47.♗g2 (47.♗e2 ♗e4 48.f3+ ♗d4-+) 47...♗e4-+

46...♕f4 White resigned as the knight has no good squares to go.

46...♕f4 47.♖xh6+!? ♕xh6-+ (47...gxh6?? Hopefully, you noticed that this is the wrong corner endgame position! 48.♗g2 ♗g4 49.♗h1=)

0-1

Ding, Liren (2799) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2578)
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Ding comes up with a great idea, but he falls short by a move! Can you do better than Ding in finding the winning line?

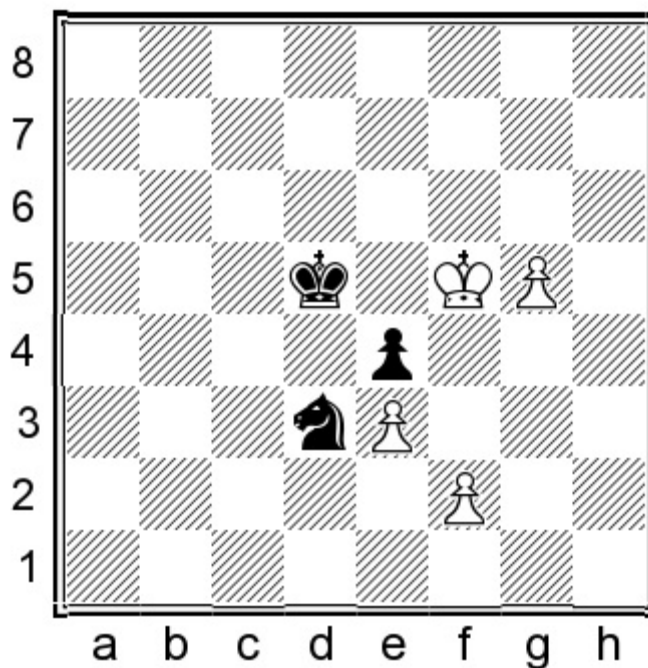
49. ♖xh6??

49.h5□ The point is that White doesn't have to care about the f2-pawn as it adds no value to his winning chances, and if the black knight goes to f2, it's further away from stopping White's kingside pawns from going forward. 49...♞xf2 50.♞xh6□ gxf6 51.g5 hxf5 (51...♞d1 52.gxf6 ♞xe3+ 53.♔f4 ♞c4 54.h7 ♞e5 55.h8=♚+- The h5-pawn comes in handy in stopping Ng6 check.; 51...♞d3 52.g6 ♞e5 53.g7 ♞c6 54.g8=♚++-) 52.h6 ♞d1 53.h7 ♞xe3+ 54.♔xg5+- and White promotes a new queen.

49...gxf6 50.g5 hxf5

50...h5? 51.g6+-

51.hxf5



51...♔d6! The Indian prodigy Gukesh finds the variation to save the game.

51...♞c5?? 52.g6 ♞e6 53.♔f6 ♔d6 54.g7 ♞xg7 55.♔xg7 ♔d5 56.♔f6 ♔c4 57.♔e5 ♔d3 58.♔f4+-

52.♔f6 White tries to shoulder away the black king.

52.g6 ♔e7=

52...♞e5

52...♞xf2?? 53.g6 ♞g4+ 54.♔g5+-

53.g6 ♞d7+ 54.♔f7

54.♔f5 ♔e7=;

54.♔g7 ♔e6 Black has two plans with his king:

1. Stopping the g7-pawn by using his knight on f6.
2. Planning to go f5-g4-f3 and capture the f2-pawn.

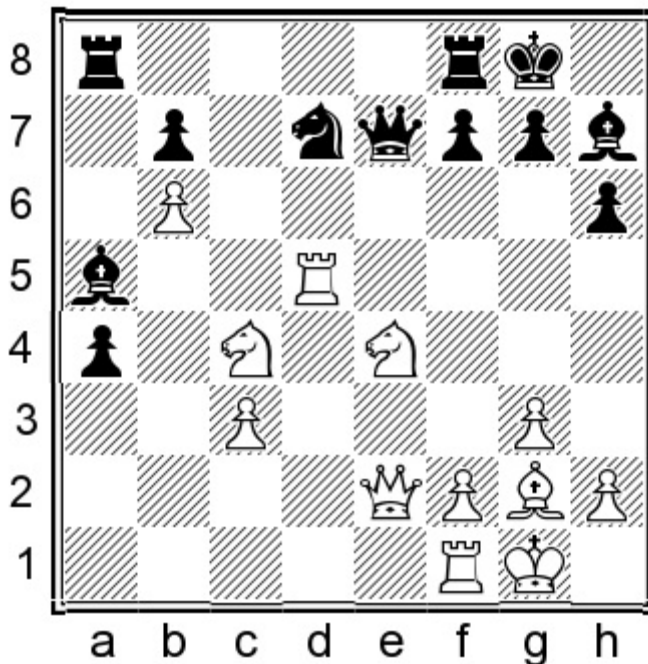
55.♔h7 (55.♔h8?? ♔f5 56.g7 ♞f6 57.g8=♚ ♞xg8 58.♔xg8 ♔g4 59.♔f7 ♔f3 60.♔e6 ♔xf2 61.♔e5 ♔xe3+- Who would have thought Black could win!?)

54...♞e5+ 55.♔f6

55.♔g7 White is losing crucial tempi allowing Black to draw comfortably. 55...♔e6 56.♔h7 ♞g4 57.g7 ♞f6+ 58.♔g6 ♞g8 59.♔g5 ♔f7 60.♔f5 ♞f6 61.g8=♚+ ♞xg8 62.♔xe4=

55...♞d7+ 56.♔f7 ♞e5+ 57.♔f6 1/2-1/2

Gukesh defended tenaciously to clinch a draw against one of the best in the business!



Anish Giri, Wijk aan Zee 2021; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmid - Tata Steel Chess Tournament

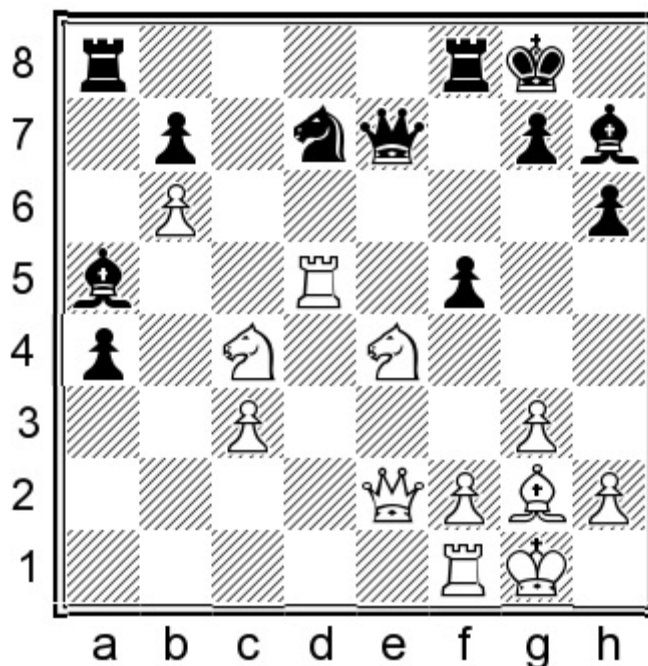
Let's evaluate this position between two of the most active Chess Tweeters!

The kings on both sides seem relatively safe, so the main differentiators in the position are the active white pieces compared to the black bishops on a5 and h7 which seem to be stuck.

Black has the advantage of having a passed pawn on a4, but he is not able to use it to his advantage right away!

22...f5??





A terrible decision by Anish as the bishop on h7 is now inefficient. The other big issue is the weakening of the light squares near the black king.

22...♙xb6?? 23.♖xd7 ♙xf2+ 24.♙xf2 ♖xd7 25.♘b6 ♙e6 26.♘xa8+-;

22...♖fe8 23.♙g4 ♙xe4∞;

22...♙xe4 Reducing White's piece activity, as the general rule of thumb is that the closer a knight is towards the centre of the board, the stronger it is. 23.♙xe4 (23.♙xe4? ♖xe4 24.♙xe4 ♘f6 25.♖xa5 ♖xa5 26.♘a5 ♘xe4 27.♘b7 ♖b8-+ Black will pick up the pawns on b6 and c3 and slowly convert his passed pawn into a queen and then win the game.; 23.♘a5? ♘f6 24.♖b5 ♖fe8±; 23.♖xa5 ♖xa5 24.♘a5 ♖c5 25.♙xe4 ♖xa5=) 23...♖fe8□ (23...♘f6?? Falls for the simple trick! 24.♙h7+-) 24.♙d3! The point behind this move is to capture the d7-knight as capturing on d7 also means that the b7-pawn is hanging. (24.♘a5?? ♘f6 25.♖b5 ♘xe4-+ White's pieces lack coordination, and the passed a-pawn once again is a big cause of concern.; 24.♖xa5?! ♖xa5 25.♘a5 ♙xe4 26.♙xe4 ♖xe4 27.♘b7 ♘xb6± Black has some winning chances thanks to the advanced a-pawn.) 24...♙xe4 (24...♘b6?? 25.♖e5 ♙xe5 26.♘e5 ♖xe5+-; 24...♘c5 25.♙h7+ ♘h8 26.♙c2 ♖ed8∞) 25.♖xd7 ♙xd3 26.♖xd3= A lot more liquidation is to come.

23.♘f6+? White is still better, but not as convincing as in the 23.Rd7 line.

23.♖xa5?? ♖xa5 24.♘a5 fxe4±;

23.♖xd7!! The point of the exchange sac is to capture the b7-pawn and push the white b-pawn forward. 23...♙xd7 24.♘c5 ♙f7 (24...♙e8 25.♙xe8 ♖fxe8 26.♙xb7 ♙xc3 27.♙xa8 ♖xa8 28.♘d7+-; 24...♙b5!? 25.♘b7! (25.♙e6+?? Allows the black king to escape and, more importantly, clearing the g8-square for the bishop. 25...♘h8 26.♘a5 ♙xc5 27.♘b7 ♙xc3-+) 25...♖ae8 (25...♙xb6 26.♘bd6!! (26.♙e6+? ♘h8 27.♘bd6 (27.♘xb6?? ♖f6-+ 28.♘d6 (28.♙xf6 gxf6 29.♘xa8 a3-+)

28...♖xf1+! Forces a win for Black. 29.♗xf1 ♖xe6 30.♜f7+ ♜g8 31.♜xa8 ♗xf7 32.♙d5 ♜e7 (32...a3?? 33.♜c7+-; This is the most precise way for Black to win in this position, but not a human winning approach, in my opinion. 32...♙g8 33.♜b6 (33.♜c7 ♜f6 34.♙xe6 ♙xe6 35.♜b5 ♙c4+-+) 33...a3 34.♜c4 a2 35.♜e5+ ♜f8 36.♜d7+ ♜e7 37.♙xa2 ♜xd7-+) 33.♙xe6 ♜xe6 34.♜c7+ ♜e5 35.♜b5 f4 36.♜e2 ♜d5 37.♜a3 fxg3 38.fxg3 ♜e4-+ The king activity gives Black a big advantage.) 27...♗b3 28.♙xa8 ♙g8 29.♗e5 ♖xa8 30.♜xf5 ♖a7 The position looks sharp and unplayable for humans, and that generally means the engines will give evaluation 0.00! 31.♜h4 ♙xc4 32.♗e8+ ♙g8 33.♜g6+ ♜h7 34.♜f8+=) 26...♗b3 27.♙xa8 ♖xa8 28.♜xb6 ♗xb6 29.♗e6+ ♜h8 30.♜f7+ ♜g8 31.♗xb6+-) 26.♗a2+-) 25.♙xb7 (25.♜xb7+-) 25...♖ae8 26.♗f3+- White will pick up the bishop on a5.

23...♗xf6 24.♖xd7 ♗xc3

24...♜h8 Activating the bishop on h7 via g8. 25.♙xb7 ♖ae8 26.♗d1+-;

24...f4 25.♙xb7 ♖ae8 26.♗a2+- White gets to exploit the drawback of 22...f5, which is the weakening of the a2-g8 diagonal.

25.♙xb7 ♖ab8 26.♜xa5 ♗xa5 27.♙d5+ ♜h8 28.♗e5 ♖g8 29.♖c1 The flashier win is

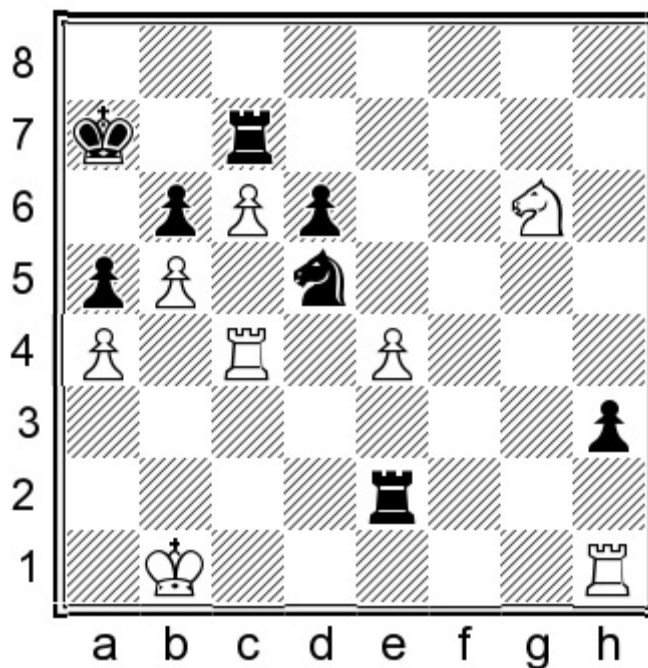
29.♖xg7 ♖xg7 30.♗xb8+-; 29.b7+-

29...♗xb6 30.♙xg8 ♖xg8 31.♖cc7 f4 32.♖xg7 ♗b1+ 33.♜g2 f3+ 34.♜h3! ♗f5+ 35.g4 1-0

Adhiban had reasonable control over the game even as it became increasingly complicated.

In faster time controls, it is a bigger priority than in classical chess to keep your king safe as it is tough to find defensive resources with less time on the clock. That's the primary reason why 22...f5 by Giri was not the right decision.

Firouzja, Alireza (2759) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)
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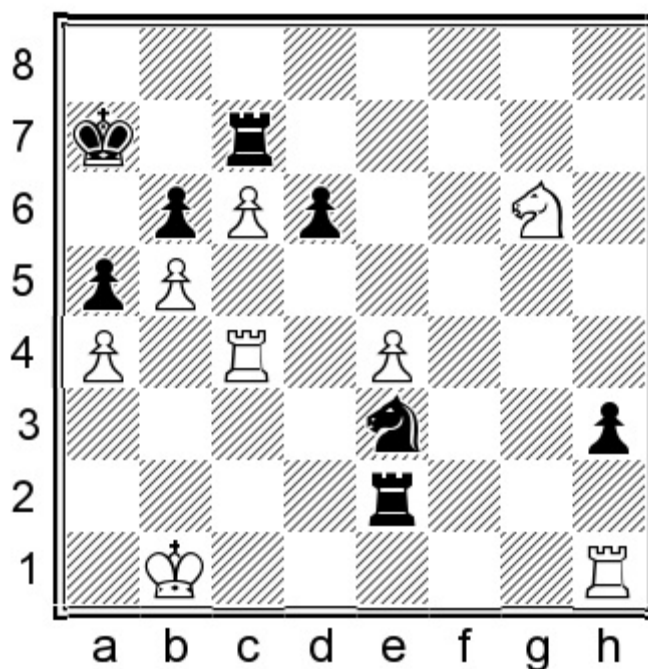


Let's start with examining the position from the black side, as we have parachuted straight into the endgame. The black knight on d5 and the pawn on h3 are currently hanging. The black rook on d2 cuts off the king, thus giving some checkmating or perpetual check ideas to Black.

On the other hand, the big problem for Black is the pawn on c6, as it has to be blockaded by the rook, thus making the rook inactive. The other issue is the cramped king on a7 which could get into a mating net.

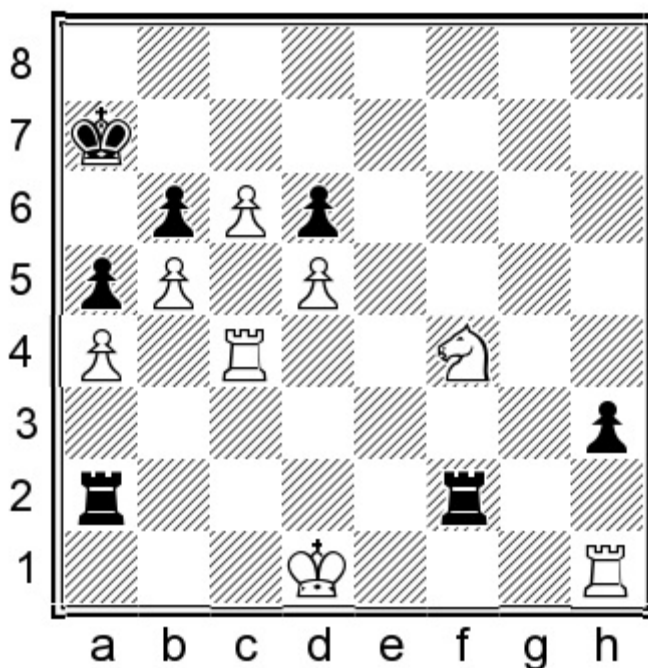
So what should Magnus do in this position?

40...♞e3??



Black saves the knight, but places it on a poor square where it can be attacked.

40...♖f7 Black forces a draw with this perpetual check idea, but this is a challenging variation to calculate even in a classical game. 41.exd5 (41.♖xh3 ♖ff2 42.♖h7+ ♔a8 43.exd5 ♖b2+ 44.♔c1 ♖a2=) 41...♖ff2 42.♜f4! The most challenging move. (42.c7 ♖b2+ 43.♔c1 ♖a2 44.♔d1) 42...♖b2+ 43.♔c1 ♖a2 44.♔d1



What should Black do now? 44...h2!! (44...♖ad2+?? 45.♔e1+-) 45.♜d3 (45.c7 ♖a1+ 46.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 47.♔xc1 ♔b7 48.♜d3 ♖g2 49.♜e1 ♖g1 50.♖xh2 ♖xe1+ 51.♔b2 ♔xc7=) 45...♖ad2+! 46.♔c1 ♖xd3 47.♖c2 (47.c7 ♖a3 48.♔b1 (48.♔d1?? ♖a1+ 49.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 50.♔xc1 ♔b7+-) 48...♖b3+=) 47...♖xc2+ 48.♔xc2 ♖h3=

41.♖c3!! Ties down the rook on e2 to defend the knight.

41...♜g4

41...h2 42.♜f4! ♖f2 43.♜e6! ♖f1+ (43...♖cf7 44.c7 ♖f1+ 45.♖c1 ♖xh1 46.♖xh1 ♔b7 47.♜d8+ ♔xc7 48.♜xf7+-) 44.♖xf1 (44.♖c1? ♖h7! 45.♖cxf1 ♜xf1 46.♖xf1 h1=♔ 47.♖xh1 ♖xh1+♣) 44...♜xf1 45.♖h3 ♖e7 (45...♖c8 46.♔c2+- The protected passed pawn of White's will win against its black counterpart.) 46.c7 ♔b7 (46...♖e8 47.♜d8!+-) 47.♖h8 ♖xc7 48.♜xc7 ♔xc7 49.♖h7+ ♔d8 50.♔c2 The white King is not walking towards the h2-pawn but to pick up the black queenside pawns. 50...♔e8 51.♔d3 ♔f8 52.♔d4 ♔g8 53.♖h3 ♔g7 54.♔d5+-

42.♜f4 ♖xe4 43.♜d5 ♜f2 44.♜xc7 ♜xh1 45.♖xh3

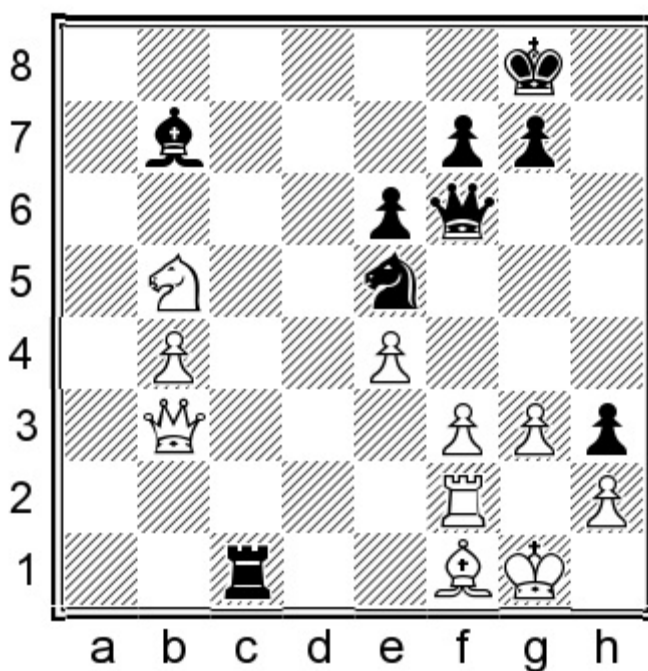
45.♖xh3 ♜f2 46.♖h8+- and the checkmate is unstoppable.

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Alireza Firouzja, Wijk aan Zee 2021; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit - Tata Steel Chess Tournament

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White's king is in immense danger, with Black's h3-pawn restricting King's activity. The other big issue is the a7-g1 diagonal, and the 1st rank poses many problems for White.

The only good thing for White is the extra pawn giving him compensation for the weak king.

32.♘d6?

32.♛e3 Harassing the active rook on c1, and also at the same time bringing the queen closer to the king providing additional defence. 32...♖b1 33.♘a3 ♜d1 34.♛f4=

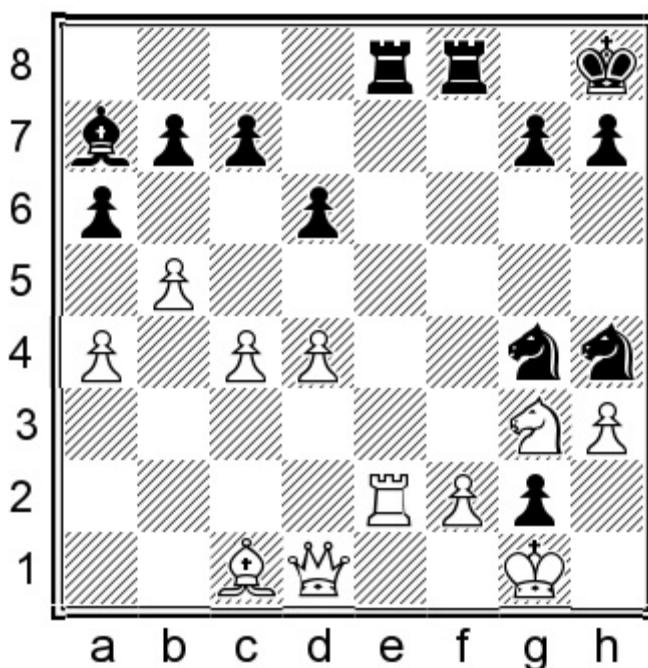
32...♛e7 33.♞d2?

33.♛e3? ♜xf1+! 34.♞xf1 ♛xd6-+;

33.♘xb7 ♛xb7 34.♛e3 ♛c8 35.b5 ♖b1 36.b6 ♛c6 White is in zugzwang and Black is going to improve slowly and steadily. 37.♛d4 f6 38.♛e3 ♔f8 39.g4 g5+

33...♙a6! 34.b5 ♛a7+ 35.♞f2 ♛b6! Pins everywhere! 36.♛a3 ♞c2 0-1

Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Giri, Anish (2780)
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The position looks crazy at first sight with so many minor pieces and Black missing his queen.

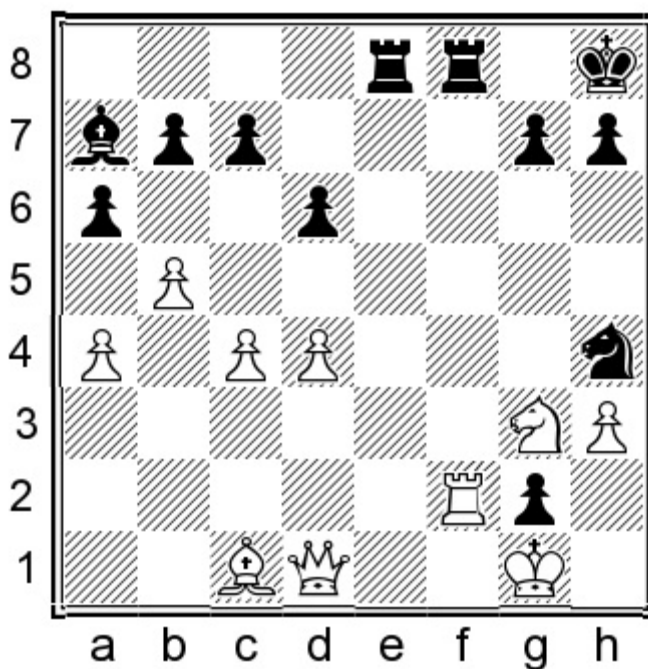
When you observe the position deeper, you realise that Black is doing fantastic as Black has a rook, knight, and a pawn for the queen, and, more importantly, a valuable pawn on g2.

How should Black continue in this position? Hint - Knights are very good at forking opponent pieces!

24...♞xe2? Black still has a significant advantage but lets it slip with a series of mistakes.

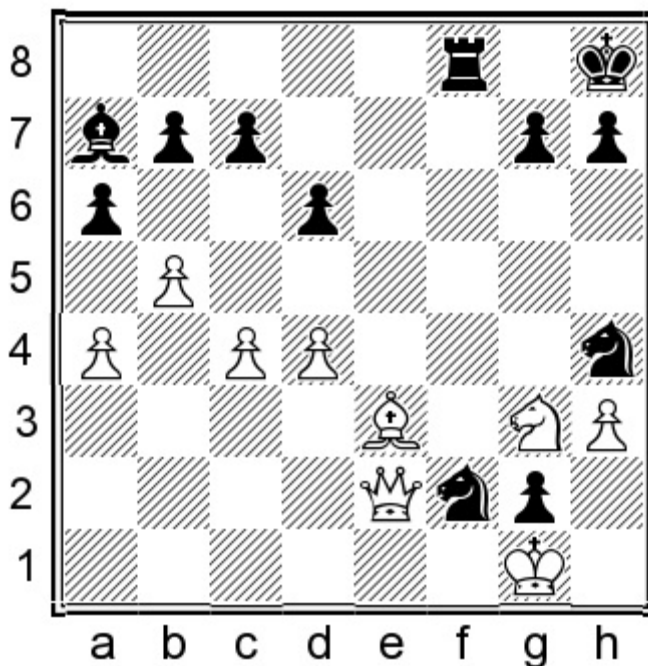
24...♘f3+?? Another forcing move, but it does nothing for Black. 25.♔xg2+-;

24...♘xf2!! This is the most forcing way for Black to win this position. Have you spotted the winning follow-up variation? 25.♖xe8 (25.♖xf2



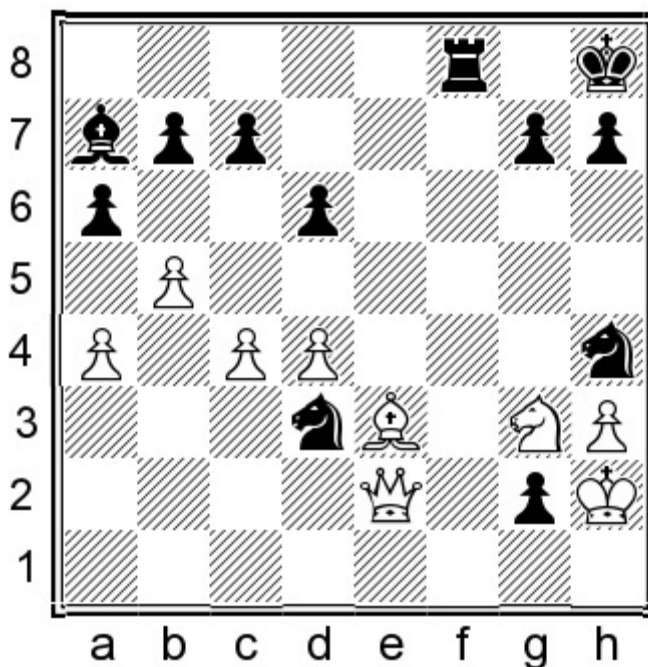
25...♙xd4!! 26.♖xd4 ♖e1+-+ 27.♘f1 ♖xf1+ 28.♖xf1 gxf1=♖+ 29.♔h2 ♖g2#) 25...♖xe8 26.♔xf2 My good guess is that Anish missed 26...♙xd4+! in his calculations. 27.♖xd4 What now for Black? Hopefully, you have noticed a winning tactic?! 27...g1=♖+ 28.♔xg1 ♘f3+-+

25.♖xe2 ♘xf2 26.♙e3



26...♘h3+??

26...♞d3!! with the idea to manoeuvre the knight via e1 to f3. 27.♞xd3 (27.♞h2



27...♞e1!! 28.♞e4 ♞ef3+ 29.♞g3 ♞xd4--+) 27...♞f3+ 28.♞xg2 ♞e1+-+

27.♞h2 g1=♞+ 28.♞xg1 ♞f3+? Black is worse after this move.

28...♞xg1 29.♞xg1 ♞xd4+ 30.♞h1 ♞e5+ Black has excellent chances to win this game thanks to his material advantage and the weak white king.

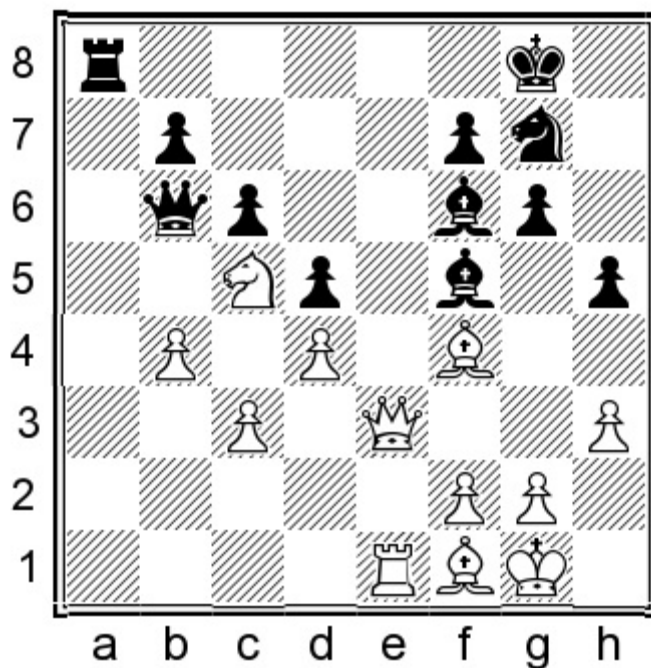
29.♞h1 ♞hxg1 30.♞e7! White starts the counterattack!

30...♞g8 31.♞f5?!

31.♞xc7 axb5 32.cxb5! Creating two outside passed pawns is the idea behind the capture with the c-pawn. 32...♞xd4 33.♞xb7∞

31...♞xd4 32.♞h6! gxh6 33.♞f6+ ♞g7 34.♞f8+ ♞g8 35.♞f6+ ♞g7 36.♞f8+ ♞g8 37.♞f6+ A Houdini-like escape by Magnus Carlsen to clinch a draw in this game. 1/2-1/2

Giri, Anish (2780) - So, Wesley (2770)
chess24.com (Internet-rapid), 2021



The position was reached from the Ruy Lopez Berlin Re1 variation. Black could very well be playing a position like this on auto-pilot mode, and I believe that's exactly what So was doing as he reached this position.

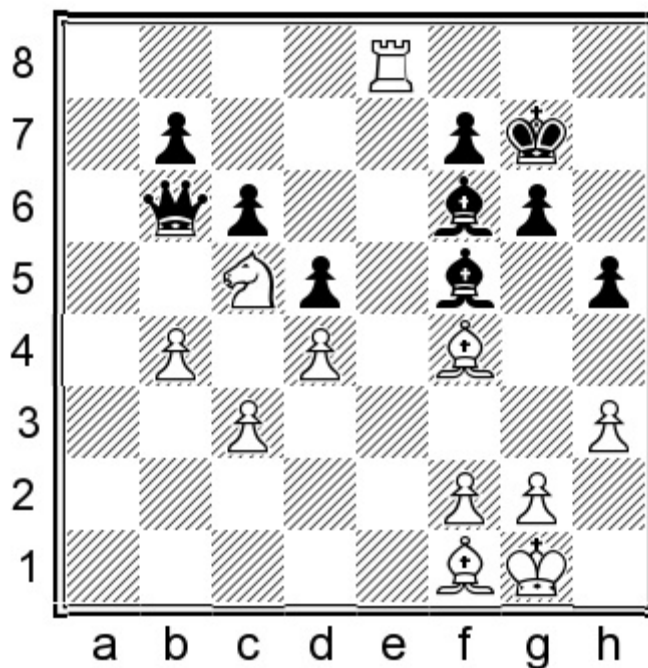
In the auto-pilot inertia So blunders into a deadly trap set by Anish after Re8.

22...♖e8??

22...♔a7 23.♙e5 ♙xe5 24.dxe5 ♘e6= Leading to a draw.

23.♚xe8+!! I hope you have figured out White's 25th move!

23...♘xe8 24.♖xe8+ ♔g7



25.♙b8! The queen on b6 now has no square to go to, and White is threatening to play Na4.

25...♙xd4

25...♙c2 26.♘d7+-

26.cxd4 g5 27.♙e5+ ♔g6

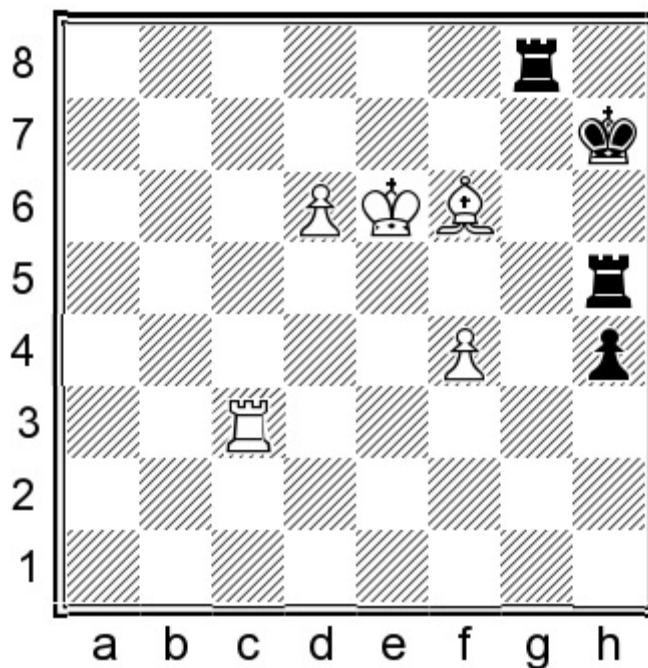
27...f6 28.♞e7+ ♔g6 29.♞xb7+-

28.♞g8+ ♔h6 29.♞b8 This game is proof that "quiet and boring" positions could also have some unexpected shots. As a player, you must always have your tactics antenna fully tuned!

29.♞b8 ♜xb4 30.♞xb7 ♜e1 31.♞xf7+-

1-0

Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2729) - Ding, Liren (2799)
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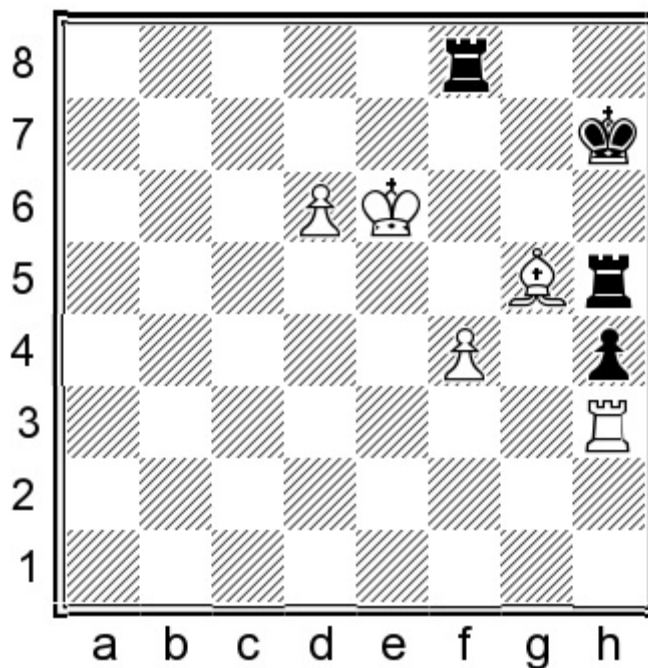


The World Cup winner Duda played tremendous chess to get to this completely winning position... and then tragedy struck!

59.♖h3?? Instinctively it makes a lot of sense to stop the h-pawn from going forward as that's the only source of counterplay for Black. The issue is that in the process, White removes his rook away from active play, allowing Black to coordinate his own rooks.

59.d7 I can say that "keep it simple" plan is the best, but to play this continuation, you need to find a critical move for White on move 63! 59...h3 60.♖c8 (60.d8=♔?? ♖xd8 61.♙xd8 h2=) 60...h2 61.♖xg8 h1=♔ 62.♖h8+ ♔g6 63.f5+ ♖ The only move that wins the game for White. 63...♖xf5 64.♖xh1 ♖xf6+ 65.♔e7 ♖f7+ 66.♔e8+-

59...♖f8 ♖ 60.♙g5



60.♔e7 ♕g6! The black king joins defence. 61.♙g5 (61.♕xf8 ♕xf6 62.♕e8 ♕e6=) 61...♖fh8 62.d7 ♖xg5 63.fxg5 ♕xg5=;

60.d7 ♖h6 61.♕e7 ♖hxf6 62.d8=♚ ♖8f7+ 63.♕e8 ♖f8+=

60...♔g6! The Chinese No.1 finds the only saving moves without any issues!

61.d7 ♖xg5 The concept that Black could sacrifice the rook and be on time to defend the h4-pawn was what Duda missed, in my opinion.

62.fxg5 ♕xg5 63.♖c3 ♖d8 64.♖c8 ♖xd7 65.♕xd7 h3 66.♕e6 ♕g4 67.♖c4+ ♕g3 68.♕f5 h2 69.♖c3+ ♕g2 70.♕g4 h1=♚ 71.♖c2+ ♕g1 72.♖c1+

72.♕g3?? ♚h6--+

72...♕h2 73.♖xh1+ ♕xh1 1/2-1/2

What a save by Ding Liren!

My students often ask me the primary differences between a grandmaster and a super-grandmaster, and I tell them:

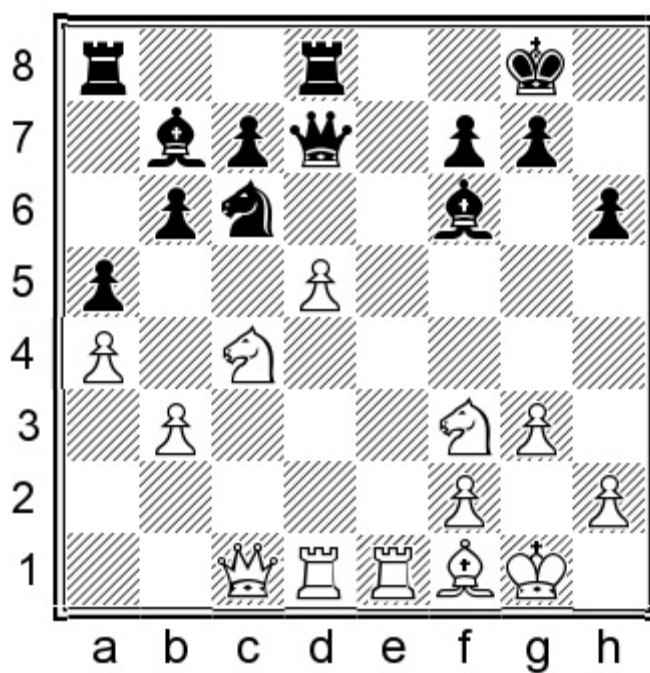
1. Deeper opening preparation.
2. Saving positions that look lost!

I am sure you will believe in the 2nd point after seeing this game.



Ding Liren, Khanty-Mansiysk 2019; Photo from Official site

Ding, Liren (2799) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)
chess24.com (Internet-m1/2-rapid), 2021



It looks like a normal position at first glance, but as you dig deeper, you see layers of complexity in the position.

What was the move that Magnus missed?

21...♖b4?

21...♖d4!! The game would have been over with this move as the light squares next to the king are terribly weak. 22.♖xd4 (22.♙g2 ♖xd5 23.♖h4 ♖e2+!-+; 22.♖e3 ♖xd5-+; 22.♖xd4 ♙xd4 23.♖xd4 ♖xd5-+) 22...♖xd5 23.f3 ♙xd4+ 24.♖e3 Why should Black go into these complications when you can capture the pawn on b3 on move 24? 24...♖xb3-+ (24...♖xf3?! 25.♖xd4 ♖h1+ (25...♖xd4? 26.♙g2 ♖f6+ 26.♙f2 ♖xh2+ 27.♙g2 ♖xd4 28.♖h1 ♖f4+-+))

22.♖fe5 ♖f5= The game eventually ended in a draw on 62nd move.

I chose to annotate this game as it seemed complicated when I saw it for the first time, and I thought, why not try to make some sense of the moves played in the game and share those insights with you, dear readers!

C00
Artemiev, Vladislav (2704) - Ding, Liren (2799)
chess24.com (Internet-m1/3-rapid), 2021

1.♖f3 d5 2.g3 ♖f6 3.♙g2 c5 4.O-O e6 5.d3 Artemiev reveals his intent to battle it out, as Kings Indian Attack positions are always full of life.

5...♙e7 6.e4 O-O 7.♖e2 ♖c6 8.a4!? A new approach to this position.

The standard way to play in this line 8.e5

8...dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.c3 ♙e6 Personally, I have always liked White in these structures as the weakness on d5-square is permanent.

11.♖bd2 ♖c7 12.♖c4 ♖ad8 Black is quick to complete his development.

13.♖g5?

13.♙g5 simple development.

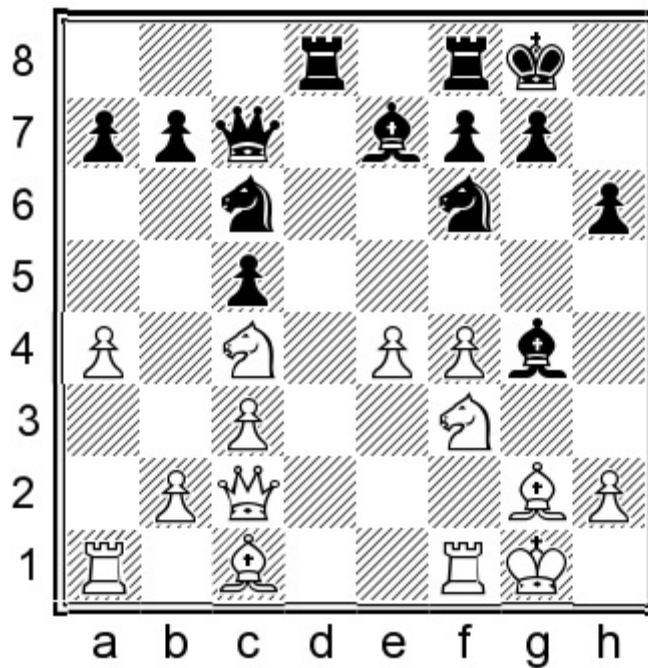
13...♙g4?

13...♙xc4 14.♖xc4 ♖a5 15.♖e2 ♖b3 16.♖b1 c4+ Black takes over the initiative and will also pick up the a4-pawn at some point.

14.f3 ♙c8 15.f4 ♙g4 16.♖c2

16.♙f3!/? This light-square bishop swap is double-edged as it weakens the white king, but at the same time it could open up the g-file for a quick attack on the black king. 16...♙xf3 17.♖xf3 exf4 18.gxf4∞

16...h6 17.♖f3 exf4 18.gxf4



18...♙e6! Ding is quick to regroup his pieces before White gets to push his e- and f-pawns.

19.b3 ♘h5! 20.e5

20.f5?? ♙xc4 21.bxc4 ♙d6 Black dominates the dark squares.

20...♙d7

⏏20...g6⏏ Stopping the f5 advance and more importantly securing the outpost for the h5-knight as it will get rerouted via g7 to f5.

21.♘fd2 White knights are eyeing the d6 outpost.

21...f5! Black kills the possibility for a pawn storm and is now all set to crack open the kingside. On the other hand, White is not ready for it as he is yet to complete his piece development.

22.♙d1 ♙e8 23.♙e2 g5! Here we go!

24.fxg5 hxg5 25.♘f3? Putting the knight on the path of the rolling pawns is not a good idea!

White should have changed the dynamics of the game by sacrificing a pawn. 25.♘d6 ♙xd6 (25...♙g6 26.♘xb7 ♚d5!? 27.♘c4 (27.♙xd5?? ♙xd5 The white king is too exposed. 28.♘d6 ♘f4 29.♙xf4 gxf4+ 30.♔f1 ♙xd6 31.exd6 ♚e8-+) 27...g4 28.♙a2 f4 29.♙e4 ♙h6⏏) 26.exd6 ♙g6 (26...♘f4 27.♙xf4 gxf4 28.♘c4⏏) 27.♙a3 ♚de8 28.♙xc5 ♘f4 29.♙xf4 gxf4 30.♔h1⏏ White has enough compensation thanks to his advanced d6-pawn and the fact that the white pieces are starting to coordinate well.

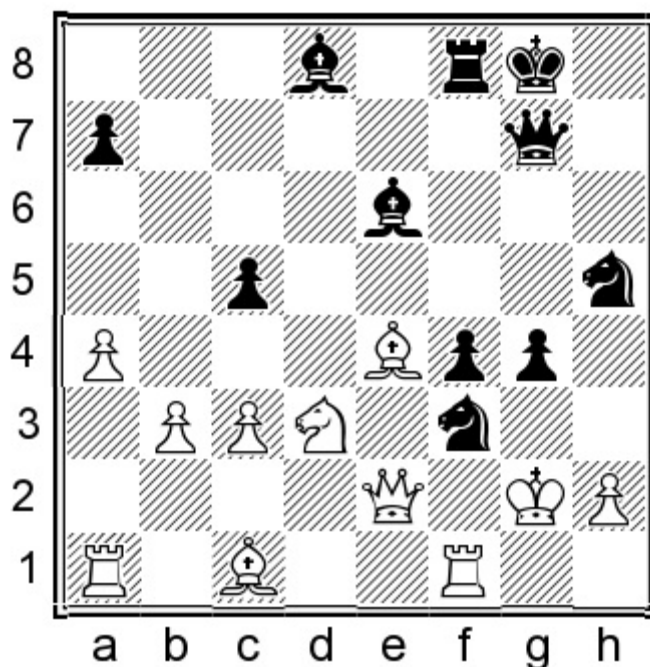
25...♙g6 26.♘d6 A move too late!

26...g4 27.♘e1 f4 28.♙e4 ♙g7 29.♘xb7 ♘xe5

⏏29...f3 A lot more forcing and crushing line for Black. 30.♙e3 g3 31.♙xf3 (31.hxg3 ♙xg3+ 32.♔h1 ♙h3+ 33.♔g1 ♘g3-+; 31.♘xf3 gxh2+ 32.♔xh2 ♙g3+ 33.♔h1 ♙h3+ 34.♔g1 ♙g4+ 35.♔h2 ♘g3-+)

31...gxh2+ 32.♔xh2 ♖g3+ 33.♕h1 ♗h3+ 34.♔g1 ♞d1!!-+

30.♘xd8 ♙xd8 31.♘d3 ♘f3+ 32.♔g2



Black has so many forcing moves in this position, and it's a tough choice to choose one. What would you play if you had this position?

32...♘h4? This check allows the white king to tuck into safety on h1.

32...♘d4!! 33.♗e1 (33.cxd4 f3+ 34.♙xf3 gxf3+-) 33...f3+ 34.♔h1 (34.♔g1 ♘e2+ 35.♔h1 g3+-) 34...g3 35.hxg3 (35.♙xf3 ♞xf3 36.♞a2) 35...♘e2-+ (35...♘xg3+?! This capture allows White to simplify and survive for few additional moves. 36.♗xg3 ♗xg3 37.♞g1 ♗xg1+ 38.♔xg1 ♘e2+ 39.♔f2-+)

33.♔g1 f3 34.♙h7+ ♔xh7 35.♗xe6 g3 36.♗e4+ ♞f5 The black pieces are a model example of coordination as they are working so well together as a team.

37.♞a2 gxh2+ 38.♔xh2 ♙c7+

38...♗g3+ 39.♕h1 ♗h3+ 40.♔g1 ♘g3-+

39.♘f4 ♘xf4

A much simpler way to win was 39...♘g3 40.♗d3 ♘xf1+ 41.♗xf1 ♙xf4+ 42.♙xf4 ♞xf4-+

40.♙xf4 ♙xf4+ 41.♔h1 ♗g3 42.♗e7+ ♔h6 43.♗e6+ ♔h5 44.♗e8+ ♘g6 45.♞ff2 ♔h6 46.♞h2+ ♞h5 47.♞xh5+ ♔xh5 48.♗e6 ♔h6 Black gets ready to play f2 without worrying about the Qe2 check.

49.♗e4 f2 50.♗g2 ♗h4+ 0-1

This loss did not stop Artemiev from knocking out Ding in the Semi-Finals, as Artemiev set up a final clash with Aronian for the Goldmoney Asian Rapid champion title.

On his path to winning the tournament, Levon Aronian had to knockout "the GOAT" Magnus Carlsen. The following game is a must to see one in their excellent duel.

C91

Aronian, Levon (2781) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)
chess24.com (Internet-m1/1-rapid), 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♙b3 O-O 8.d4

Aronian avoids 8.c3 mainline. According to my database, this is the first time he is playing this line.

8...d6 9.c3 ♙g4 There are two options for White in this position.

10.♙e3 Levon chooses the aggressive option.

10.d5 ♘a5 11.♙c2 and the ensuing positions lead to strategic battles.

10...exd4 The other popular options for Black are:

10...♘a5; 10...♙h5; 10...♘xe4? 11.♙d5 ♖d7 12.♙xe4 d5 13.♙c2 e4 14.♘bd2 exf3 15.♘xf3±

11.cxd4 ♘a5

This is the idea that Aronian had prepared for the game: **12.h3!?** This move has been tested only in 10 games before.

The main move in this position 12.♙c2 has been tried about 1400 times.

12...♘xb3

12...♙xf3? 13.♖xf3 ♘xb3 14.axb3 d5 15.e5 ♘e4 16.♘c3 ♘xc3 17.bxc3± White has an edge due to his central control, space advantage, and the control of the semi-open a-file.

13.axb3 ♙d7

Previously tested was 13...♙h5; 13...♙c8

14.♙d2! This is such a beautiful idea to park the white bishop on a5, thus restricting the a6-pawn, and also at the same time add pressure on the c7-pawn.

14...♖c8 Magnus prophylactically steps away from the pin and also provides additional defence for the a6-pawn so that the a8-rook is free to develop.

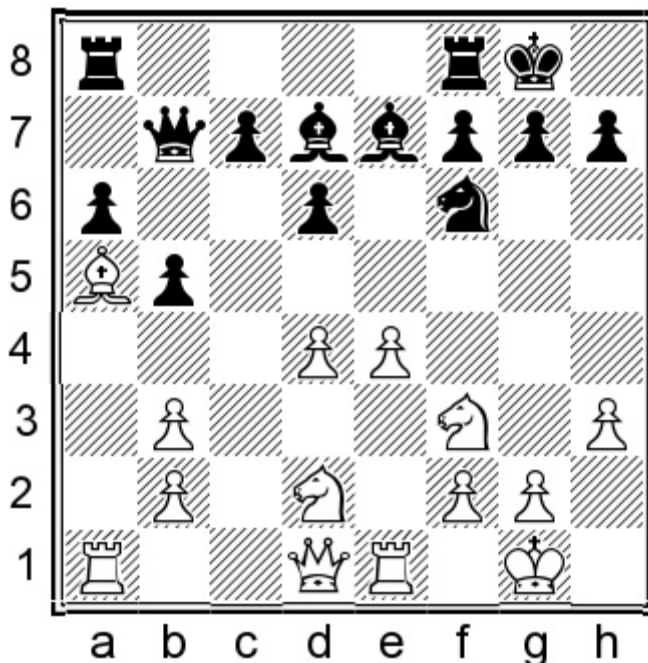
14...d5 15.e5 ♘e4 16.♙a5 White will develop the knight to d2 and then triple his heavy pieces on the c-file which should give him a pleasant position.

15.♙a5

15.b4!?

15...♖b7 16.♘bd2

16.♘c3?! b4 17.♘a4 ♘xe4



16...c5?! Black chooses a faulty plan.

16...♖fe8 17.♙c2 ♘d8 18.♖ac1 ♜c8 19.b4∞ It's a challenge for both sides to formulate plans from here on.

17.d5! Taking additional control of the centre and also restricting the activity of Black's light-square bishop.

17...♘d8 18.b4

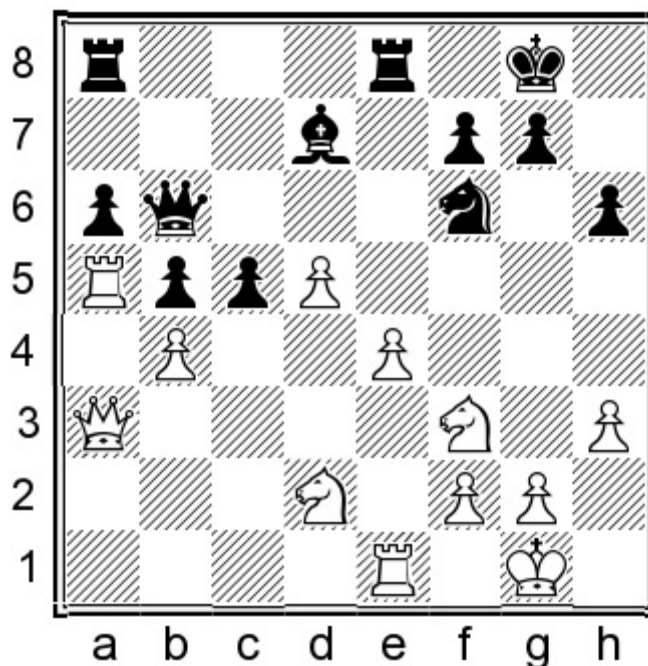
18.♘f1 White can continue to put his pieces on better squares and would get the edge due to his better centre. 18...♙xa5 19.♖xa5 ♙b6 20.♙d2 ♜fe8 21.♘g3 ♜e7 22.b4 ♜ae8 23.bxc5 ♙xc5 24.b4 ♙b6 25.♙d3±

18...♙xa5 19.♖xa5 ♙b6

19...cxb4? 20.♙b3 ♙c7 21.♙xb4± The white queen is on a vantage point as it gets to defend four of White's units (a5, b2, d2, e4) and also gets a chance to put pressure on the weak d6-pawn.

20.♙b3 ♜fe8 Not allowing White to swing his e1-rook to the a-file.

21.♙a3 h6 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.b4



23...cxb4?

23...c4 Black should not let the white queen get to the b4-square as we have already figured out that it's the best possible square for the queen. 24.d6 (24.♔c3?! ♖ad8 with the idea to play Bc8, and then the white centre pawns are stuck.) 24...♕xd6 25.e5 ♕d5! 26.♖c1 ♘e4 27.♘xc4 ♕b7∞

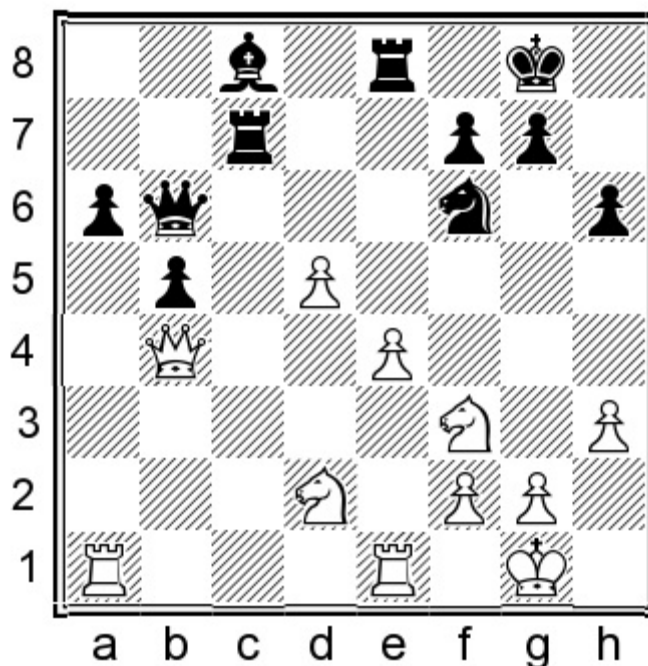
24.♕xb4 ♖ac8 25.♖a2?! If you look at the merits of this move independently, this is a good move as it takes control of the 2nd rank, not allowing Black to infiltrate with his forces. If you look at the merits of this move in the context of the next move by Levon, then it's certainly a baffling decision.

25.♖ea1 ♕c5 26.♕b1 ♘h5! Going for active counterplay. 27.♖xa6 ♘f4 Black has plans to sacrifice on h3 or further activate his knight by bringing it to c3 via e2.

25...♖c7 26.♖aa1?!

26.♖b1 ♕c8 27.♘c4 ♕c5 28.♘d6 ♖d8 29.♘xc8 ♖dxc8 30.♖xa6 ♕xb4 31.♖xb4 ♖c4 32.♖xb5 ♘xe4= Black will be able to pick up the d5-pawn and equalise the material.

26...♕c8?



27. ♕d4! This is an excellent practical decision by Aronian as it's tough for Black to stop White's central pawns from rolling forward once the queens are exchanged.

27.d6!? ♜c5 28.e5 ♞d7 29.♕f4 ♚b7 30.♞b3 ♜c4 31.♞fd4±

27... ♕xd4?

27... ♞d7 28.♕xb6 ♞xb6 29.♞d4±

28. ♞xd4 ♚d7 29.f3!+- Levon is in no rush, so he strengthens his centre.

29...a5 How can White win a pawn here?

30. ♜eb1 Simple!

30.♜xa5?? ♞xd5=

30...a4 31. ♞xb5 ♜c2 32. ♞f1 ♜a8 33. ♞a3 ♜c3 34. ♜c1 ♜ac8 35. ♜xc3 ♜xc3 36. ♞g3 ♞e8 37. ♞e2 ♜d3 38. ♞c4 ♚b5 39. ♞e5 ♜d2 40. ♞c3 ♞d6 41. ♞xb5 ♞xb5 42. ♜xa4 f5 43.h4 fxe4 44.fxe4 ♚f8 45. ♞f3 ♜d3 46. ♚f2 ♚e7 47. ♚g3 ♞c3 48. ♜c4 1-0

Levon completely outplayed Magnus right from the opening with his new idea, and he executed his plan of putting pressure down the a-file to perfection in the middlegame.



Magnus Carlsen, Wijk aan Zee 2019; Photo by Alina L Ami

UNDERSTANDING THE OPENINGS

By GM Nigel Davies

THE SEMI-TARRASCH [D41]

Part 1

6.e4 lines

The Semi-Tarrasch has spent many years under a cloud after the game Polugaevsky - Tal, Moscow 1969. This was a game in which Polugaevsky prepared so deeply that he had the position after move 25 on the board in his hotel room. The following year Tal played 11...Nd7 against Bagirov in order to be able to have the knight defend his kingside, but he then lost to Petrosian with this move two years later when the latter exploited the knight's position on d7, rather than c6, with an advance of his a-pawn.

Despite this damage to its reputation the Semi-Tarrasch has been making something of a comeback, occasionally appearing in the games of top players (including Magnus Carlsen) as well as having some regular practitioners such as Hou Yifan and the young German star, Vincent Keymer. There are improvements on Tal's play against Petrosian, and it is also holding up well in other lines. It could be that it is on the way to a full-scale comeback.

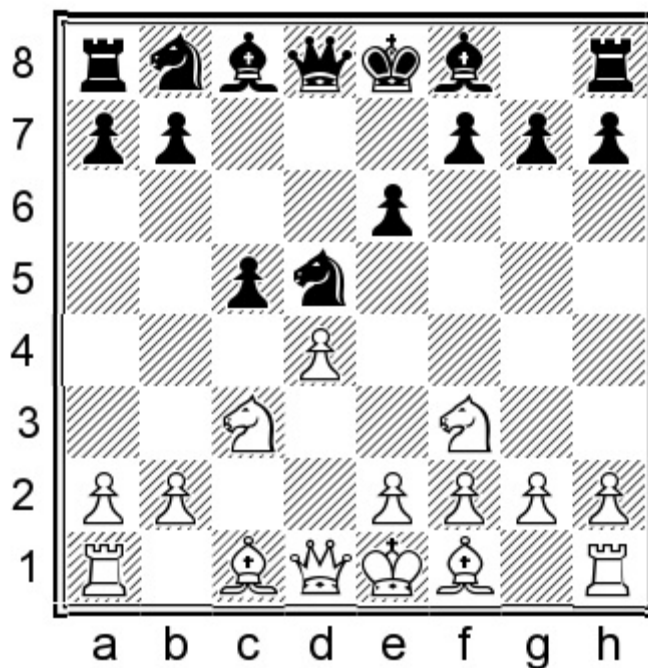
In this article I will review developments in the critical 6.e4 variation, next time it will be the turn of White's other tries.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5

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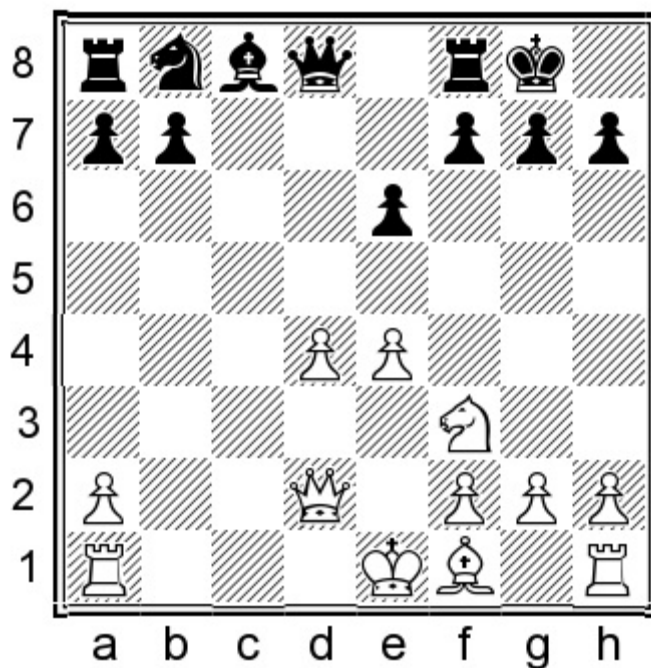
6.e4 This has long been considered White's critical try, allowing him to obtain a space advantage thanks to his strong central pawn duo. Therefore, Black is well-advised to ease a potentially cramped position with several exchanges.

6...♞xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♙b4+ 9.♙d2 ♙xd2+

9...♛a5 10.♞b1! ♙xd2+ 11.♛xd2 ♛xd2+ 12.♚xd2± is a very unpleasant endgame for Black.

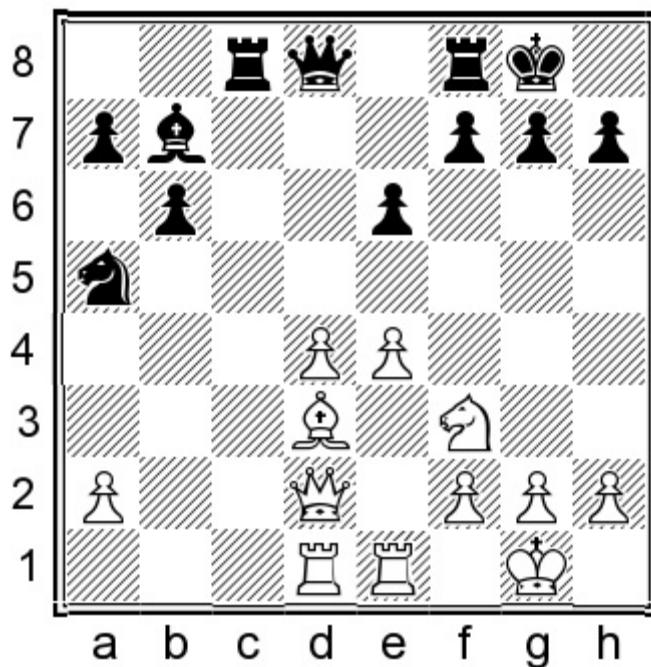
10.♛xd2 O-O

11.♙c4



11.♙c4 ♘d7 From here the knight is able to defend Black's king.

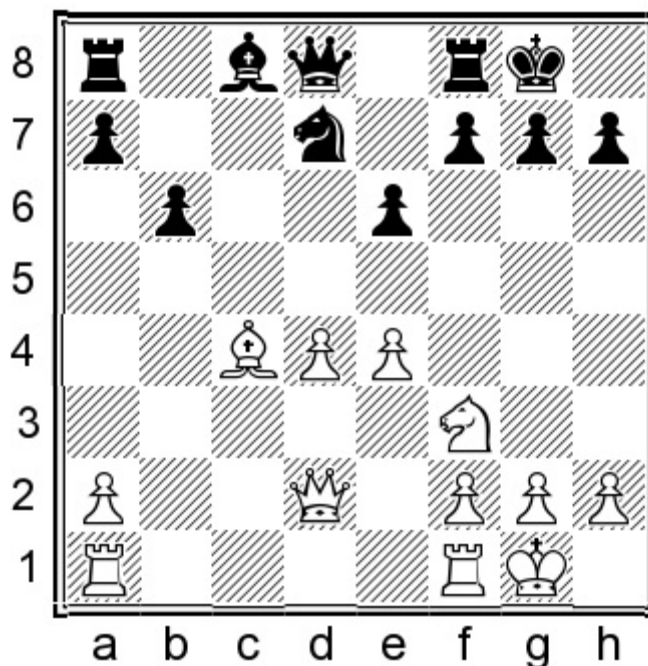
11...♘c6 has been under a cloud since a famous win by Polugaevsky against Tal, the game going 12.O-O b6 13.♖ad1! ♙b7 14.♗fe1 (± Petrosian,Tigran V) 14...♘a5 (14...♖c8 15.d5 exd5 16.♙xd5±) 15.♙d3 ♖c8



16.d5!± exd5 17.e5! Polugaevsky, Lev - Tal, Mihail, Moscow 1969 - 8/485

12.O-O b6

13.a4



13.a4 At one time this was seen to be the problem with 11...Nd7, that in playing a4-a5 White could create weaknesses in Black's queenside. Yet resources were subsequently found for Black that completely defused this attempt.

13...♙b7 14.♖fe1 ♜f6

The stem game of this line went 14...♖c8 15.♙d3 ♜b8 (Δ Nc6) (15...♙e7 16.a5±; 15...a6 16.♖ab1±) 16.a5!± with the better game for White - Petrosian,Tigran V 2645 - Tal,Mihail 2625, USSR 1972 - 13/565

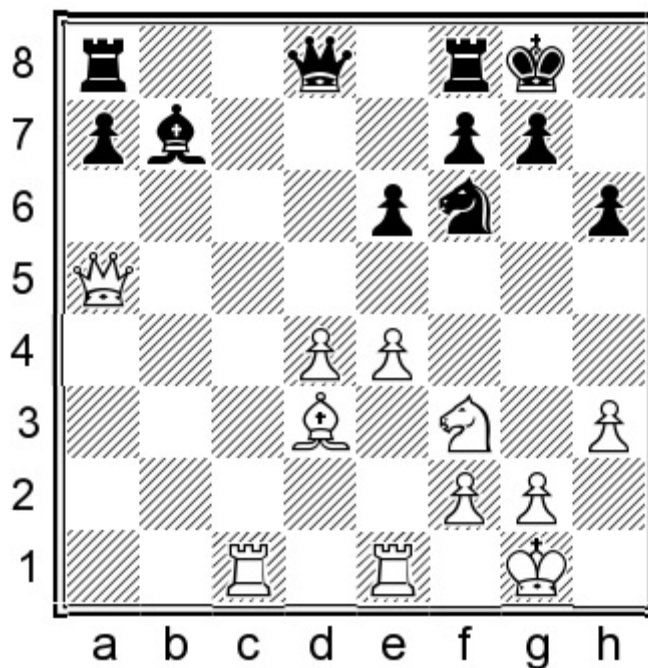
15.♙d3 h6

15...♖c8 Jussupow,Artur 2575 - Eslon,Jaan 2440, Ca'n Picafort 1981 - 32/509

16.h3

16.a5 a6 (16...bxa5) 17.axb6 ♙xb6∞ Topalov,Veselin 2803 - Carlsen,Magnus 2850, London 2015 - 127/150

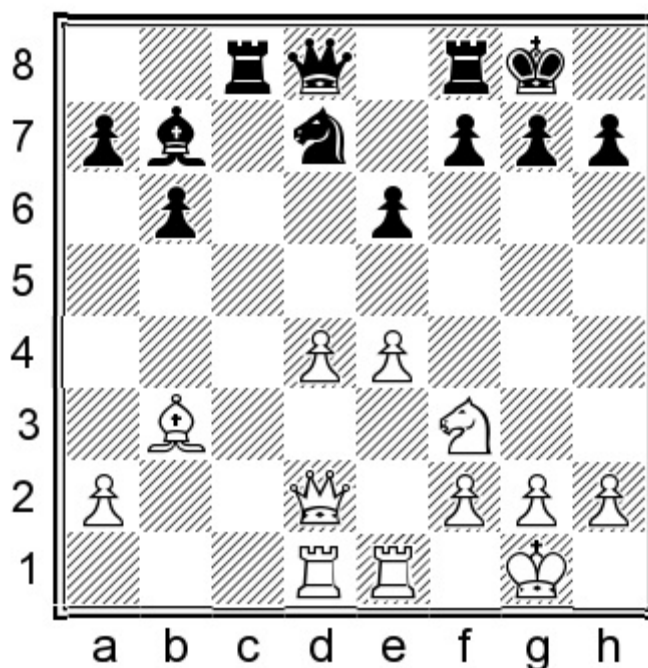
16...♙c7 17.♖ac1 ♙e7 18.a5 bxa5 19.♙xa5 ♙d8=



This was OK for Black in Leitao,Rafael 2620 - Adams,Michael 2712, Batumi (ol) 2018

13.♖ad1/15...♜e8

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♙b4+ 9.♙d2 ♙xd2+ 10.♚xd2 O-O 11.♙c4 ♘d7 12.O-O b6 13.♖ad1 ♙b7 14.♞fe1 ♜c8 15.♙b3



15...♜e8 16.d5 The critical line, but one which seems to leave Black with full equality.

White has also played 16.h3, for example 16...h6 17.♞e3 ♘f6 18.♚e2 ♜c7 19.d5 exd5 20.e5 ♘h5 21.♞d4 g6 (21...♜c1+!?) 22.♚d2 ♚e7 (22...♘g7 23.♙xd5± Illescas Cordoba,Miguel 2624 - Comas

Fabrego,Luis 2513, Espana 2005 - 94/332) 23.♖e1!?↑ (23.♘h2?! ♕c5 24.♖e1 ♖c3 25.♕d1= Goryachkina,Aleksandra 2579 - Ju,Wenjun 2583, Lausanne 2020)

Another possibility is 16.♕f4 Van Wely,Loek 2560 - Hansen,Curt 2610, Ter Apel 1993 - 58/454

16...exd5 17.exd5 ♘c5

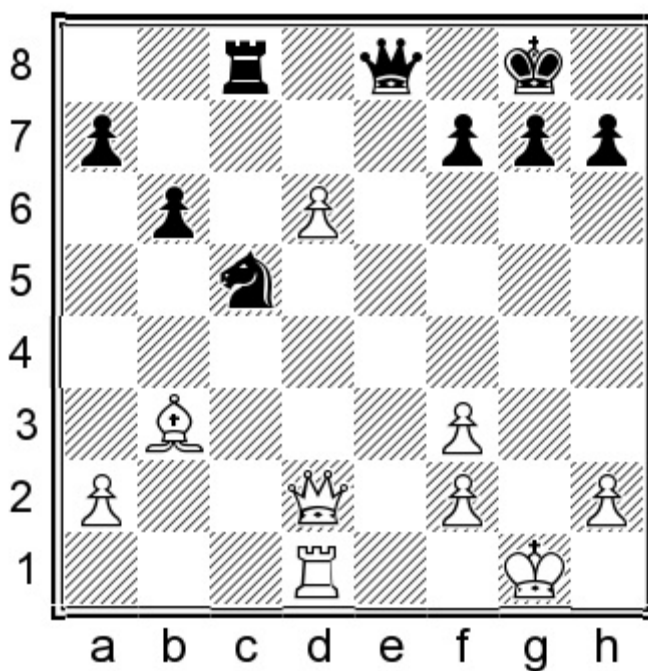
Black can also play 17...♖xe1+ Illescas Cordoba,Miguel 2607 - Lopez Martinez,Josep Manuel 2505, Espana (ch) 2005 - 95/(314)

18.d6

18.♕f4 ♖xe1+ 19.♘xe1 ♘xb3 20.axb3 ♕e8∞ would leave White needing to be careful.

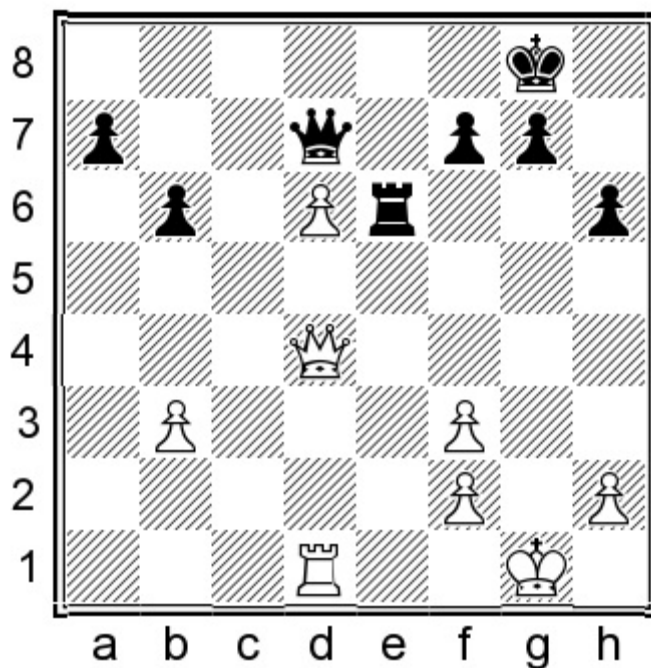
18...♙xf3 19.gxf3

19.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 20.gxf3



also fails to impress after 20...♕c6! 21.♙d5 (21.♙g2 ♘xb3 (21...♖d8 22.♕g5±) 22.axb3 ♖d8 (22...h6!?) 23.d7 h6=; 21.♕g5!?) 21...♕d7 22.♕f4 ♖d8= as in Sevian,Samuel 2642 - Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2739, USA (ch) 2019 - 140/157

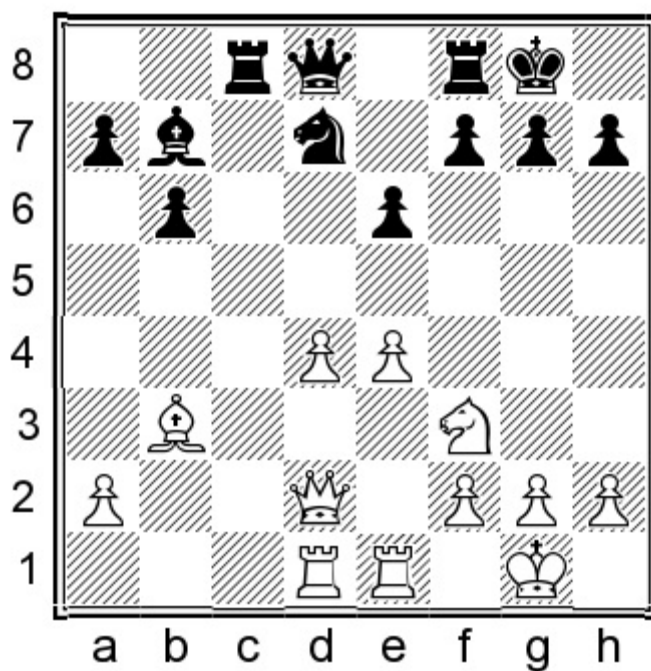
19...♕d7 20.♕f4 ♘xb3 21.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 22.axb3 h6 23.♕d4 ♖e6=



This was equal and drawish in Baryshpolets, Andrey 2564 - Swiercz, Dariusz 2659, USA 2019

15...♔f6

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♕b4+ 9.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 10.♔xd2 O-O 11.♕c4 ♘d7 12.O-O b6 13.♖ad1 ♕b7 14.♗fe1 ♞c8 15.♕b3

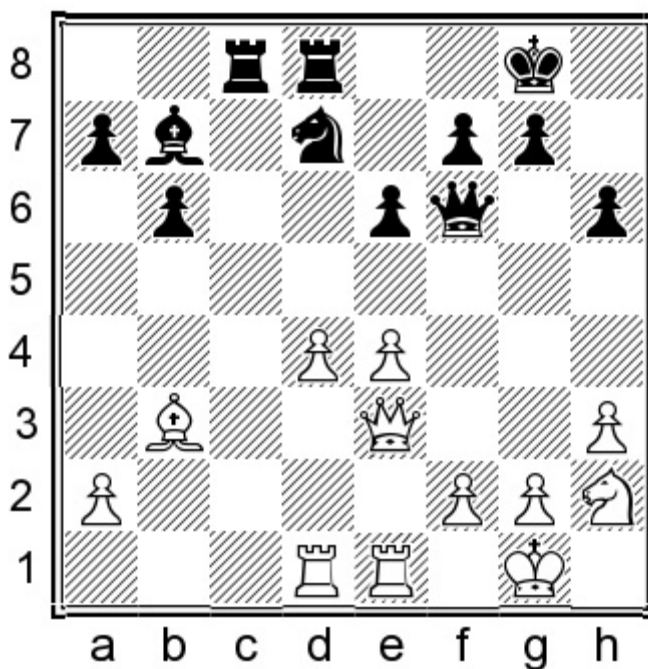


15...♔f6 Black hopes that the queen on f6 will help defend Black's king, but it can also be harrassed with a later e5.

The alternatives are 15...♞e8 and 15...h6

16.d5

16.h3!? ♖fd8 17.♙e3 h6 (17...♘f8!?) 18.♘h2!?

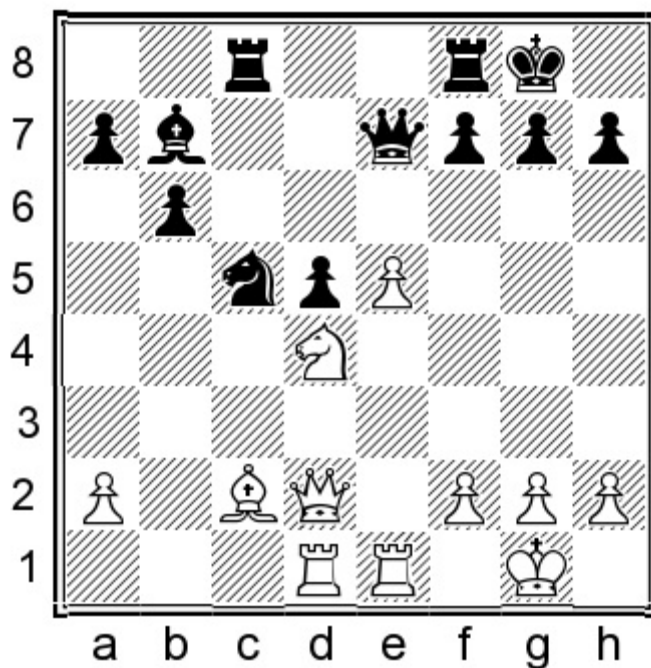


18...♙e7!∞ led to a complex struggle in Illescas Cordoba,Miguel 2585 - Ivanchuk,Vassily 2709, Bled (ol) 2002 - 86/ 421

16.♙b4 tries to exploit the commitment of Black's queen to the kingside but it does not look dangerous for Black. After 16...♙f4 17.♙e7 ♖c7 18.♙g5 ♙xg5 19.♘xg5 h6 20.♘f3 ♖cc8 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 ♖fe8 23.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 24.♘d4 ♘c5 25.♙c4 ♘e4 26.♙b5 ♖d8 27.♙c6 ♙xc6 28.♘xc6 ♖d7= the position was drawish in Zhu,Chen 2497 - Portisch,Lajos 2591, Amsterdam 2001 - 86/(421)

16.♙e3

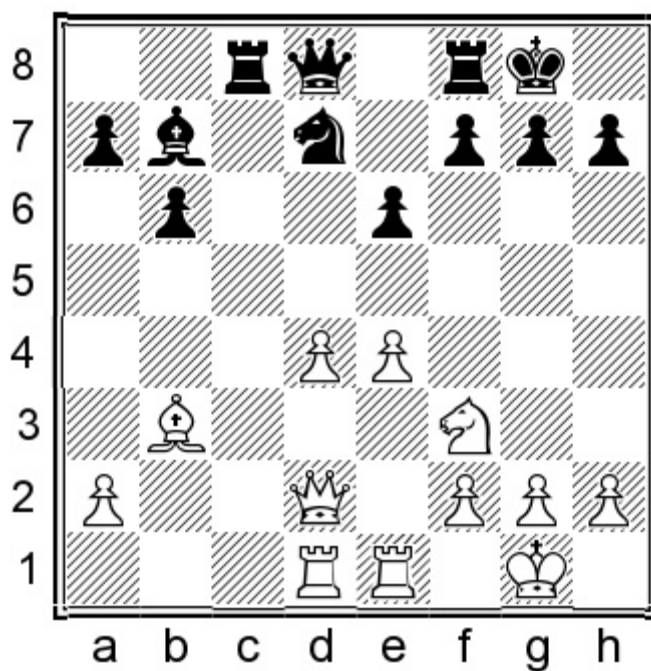
16...♘c5 17.♙c2 exd5 18.e5 ♙e7 19.♘d4↑



This move gave White the initiative in Melkumyan,Hrant 2650 - Bu,Xiangzhi 2721, Douglas 2019

15...h6

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♙b4+ 9.♙d2 ♙xd2+ 10.♚xd2 O-O 11.♙c4 ♘d7 12.O-O ♙b6 13.♗ad1 ♙b7 14.♗fe1 ♞c8 15.♙b3



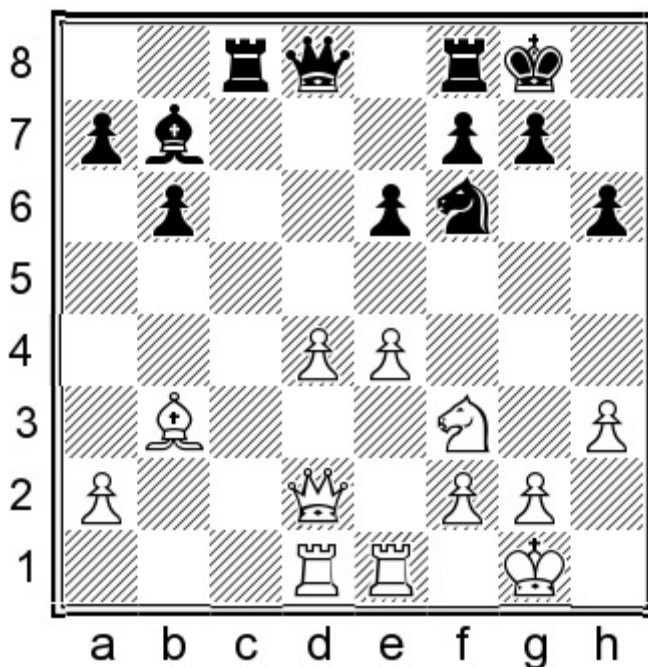
15...h6 This is currently Black's most popular option, despite the apparent weakening of Black's kingside.

16.h3

White can also perform a rook lift with 16.♖e3, though it seems that does not pose much of a threat. Black can answer with 16...♗f6 when 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 ♖d6 19.♗h4 ♜fe8 20.♗f5 ♖d7= was fine for Black in Eljanov,Pavel 2663 - Keymer,Vincent 2506, Douglas 2019

It's interesting that after 15...h6 the typical 16.d5 seems quite harmless, for example: 16...♗c5 17.♖f4 (17.dxe6 fxe6) 17...♗xb3 18.axb3 ♖f6 19.♖xf6 gxf6 20.♗d4 ♜fd8= is equal.

16...♗f6

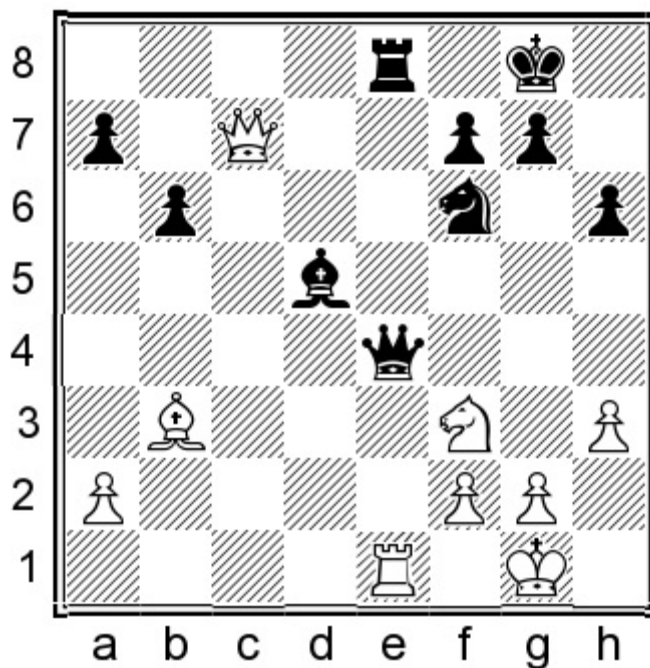


Another approach is to now play 16...♖f6, for example 17.♖e3 ♜fd8 18.♖e2 ♖f4 19.e5 ♗f8= was OK for Black in Haug,Johannes 2407 - Krysa,Leonardo 2522, Gibraltar 2020

17.d5 This is often the critical move, changing the nature and speed of the struggle.

Alternatively White can play 17.♖f4, for example 17...♖c7 18.♖xc7 (18.♗e5?! ♗d7 (Or 18...♜fd8 19.♖e2 ♖d6 20.f3 b5, with a full equality and the potential for counterplay based on ...Qb6) 19.♗a4 ♗xe5 20.dxe5 ♖c5= was fine for Black in Radovanovic, Mihajlo 2458 - Grigoriants,Sergey 2539, Moscow 2020) 18...♜xc7 19.d5 exd5 20.exd5 ♖d7= is OK for Black.

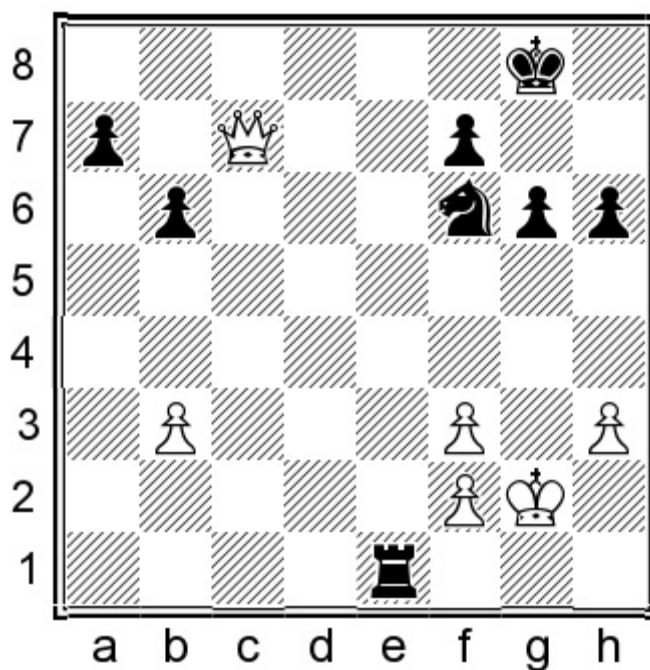
17...exd5 18.exd5 ♜e8 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.♖f4 ♖e4 21.♖e5 ♜e8 22.♖c7 ♗xd5 23.♖e1



23...Qxf3?! Pretty but unnecessary.

Just 23...Qf5 is fine for Black, for example 24.Rxe8+ Nxe8 25.Qd8 Bc6 26.Qe7 Bb1+ 27.Kh2 Qf5 28.Ne5 Qf4+ 29.Kg1 Qc1+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+= draws by repetition.

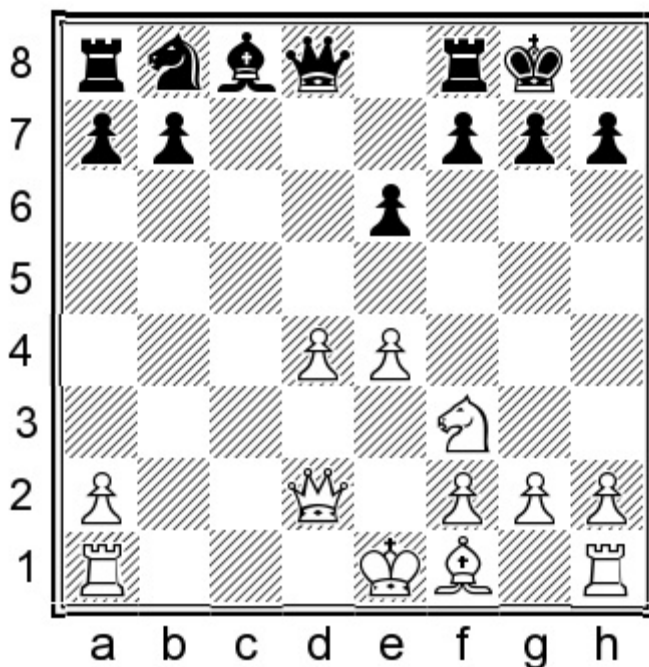
24.gxf3 Rxe1+ 25.Kg2 Bxb3 26.axb3 g6±



This gave White all the chances, but he did not manage to win in Erdos, Viktor 2603 - Keymer, Vincent 2513, Biel (open) 2019

11.Bd3

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♙b4+ 9.♙d2 ♙xd2+ 10.♚xd2 O-O



11.♙d3

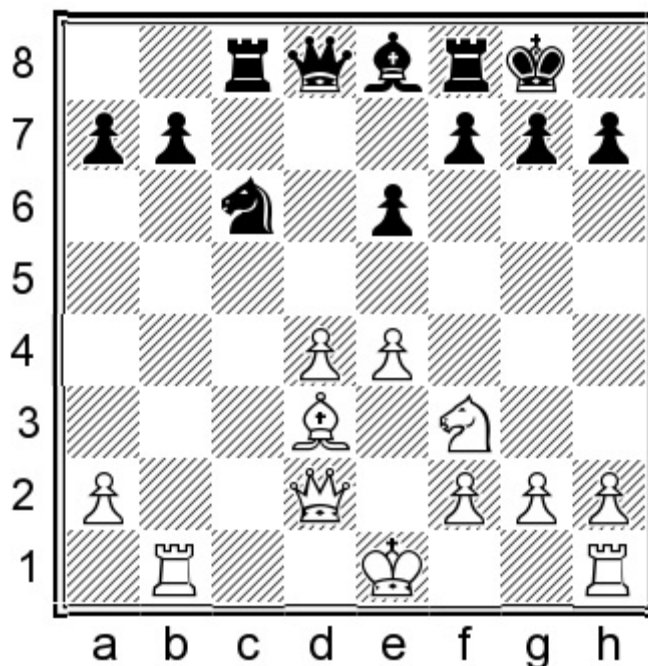
This has become a quite common alternative to 11.♙c4 with the bishop pointing towards h7. It proved to be a major battle ground in the Fedoseev, Vladimir 2677 - Hou, Yifan 2644, rapid match in Jinan in China, 2019

11...♘c6 This was Hou Yifan's choice in two of the games.

In the third she played 11...b6 Fedoseev, Vladimir 2677 - Hou, Yifan 2664, Jinan (m/2-rapid) 2019

12.♙c2

White has a major alternative in 12.♚c3 for example: 12...♚d6 Checa, Nicolas 2506 - Liang, A wonder 2592, USA (playoff-blitz) 2019 (White was better after 12...♙d7 13.♙b1! ♙c8 14.♚d2 ♙e8



(14...♖a5 15.O-O ♘c4 16.♙xc4 (16.♚e2 b5=) 16...♗xc4 17.♗xb7 ♙c6=) 15.d5!± Jussupow,Artur 2655 - Van der Sterren,Paul 2605, Amsterdam 1994 - 61/448; Black can also bail out into an endgame with 12...♚a5!? but he still has to fight for equality after 13.♚xa5 ♘xa5 14.♙d2±)

Another possibility is 12.e5 Jussupow,Artur 2490 - Makarichev,Sergey 2500, USSR 1979 - 28/542

12...♚a5 Bailing out into an endgame in which White has a slight edge.

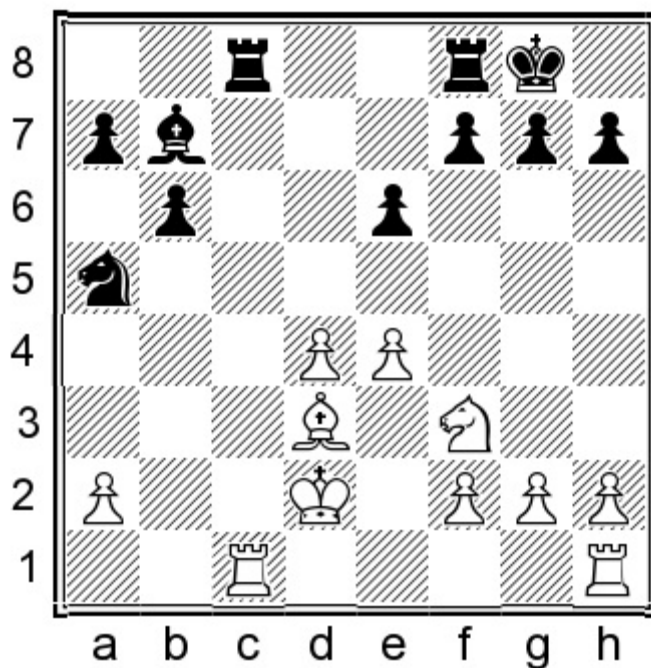
Black can also keep queens on with 12...♚e7 13.O-O ♗d8, for example 14.♗ad1 (There's a case for 14.e5, but then 14...b6 15.♚d3 g6 16.♚e3 ♙b7= seems OK for Black.) 14...e5 (14...b6?!

Fedoseev,Vladimir 2677 - Hou,Yifan 2664, Jinan (m/1-bltz) 2019) 15.♚e3 ♙g4 16.dxe5 a6 17.♗d5 ♙xf3 18.♚xf3

13.♚xa5 ♘xa5 14.♙d3

Alternatively White can consider 14.♙e2 b6 15.♙d3 ♙b7 16.♗hc1 and now 16...f5! (16...♗fc8?! was better for White in Fedoseev, Vladimir 2677 - Hou,Yifan 2664, Jinan (m/4-rapid) 2019) 17.♙e3 fxe4 18.♙xe4 ♙d5= is fine for Black.

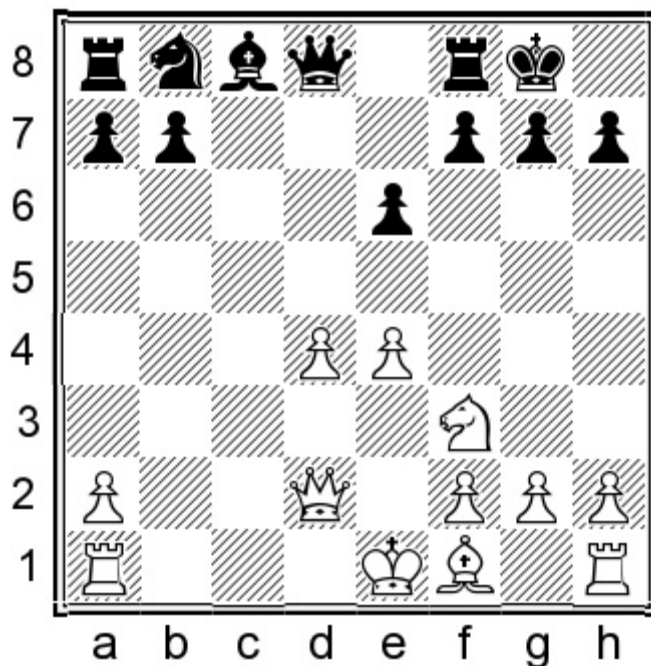
14...b6 15.♙d2 ♙b7 16.♗ac1 ♗ac8±



This was slightly better for White in Van Foreest, Jordan 2622 - Swiercz, Dariusz 2648, Saint Louis 2019

11. ♖e2

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 ♖b4+ 9.♙d2 ♙xd2+ 10.♚xd2 O-O



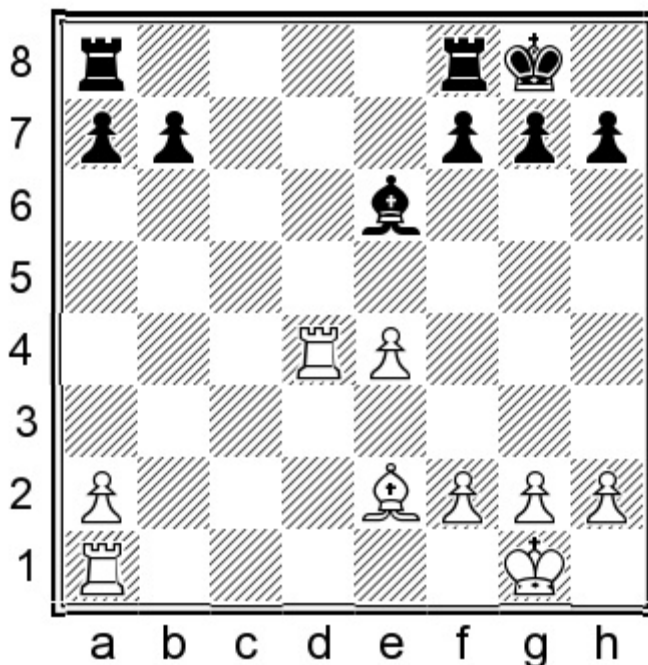
11. ♖e2 A move with different goals; rather than take aim at Black's kingside White simply prepares to castle and may later look to establish and push his passed d-pawn. Black can defuse it with an

ingenious tactical resource.

11...♘c6 12.O-O e5 13.♞fd1

The point behind Black's last move is that 13.d5 can be answered with 13...♙g4! when White's most ambitious try is probably 14.♞ab1 (14.dxc6 ♞xd2 15.♘xd2 ♙xe2, for example 16.cxb7 ♞ab8 17.♞fe1 ♙a6= gives him full equality.) 14...♙xf3 15.♙xf3, though with equal chances after 15...b6 16.♞fc1 ♘d4 17.♙g4 ♞d6=, intending an advance of the a- and b-pawns.

13...exd4 14.♘xd4 ♘xd4 15.♞xd4 ♞xd4 16.♞xd4 ♙e6=



Mesaros, Florian 2403 - Krassowizkij, Jaroslaw 2465, Deutschland 2020

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FIGHTING THE ANTI-MARSHALL

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♞e1 b5 7.♙b3 O-O 8.a4 d5!?

Black is playing a kind of Marshall Gambit, introducing a rather rare move.

The standard Black moves are 8...b4 and 8...♙b7 Black completely ignores White's play on the queenside, as he sacrifices the b5-pawn for the central attack. It was Ivan Sokolov who essayed this move on the top level first, but he lost the stem game so the move got overlooked. However, this isn't a bad move. Recently Dubov managed to win a nice game with Black, (Bjerre,Jonas Buhl - Dubov,Daniil, Batumi 2019 - 142/125) so this is likely to become popular soon.

White has three moves here:

CHAPTER 1 – 9.♙xd5 Compared to the Marshall (8. c3 d5) there are two significant differences:

- 1.The b5-pawn is hanging
2. White can develop his knight on c3;

CHAPTER 2 – 9.ed5 and

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CHAPTER 1

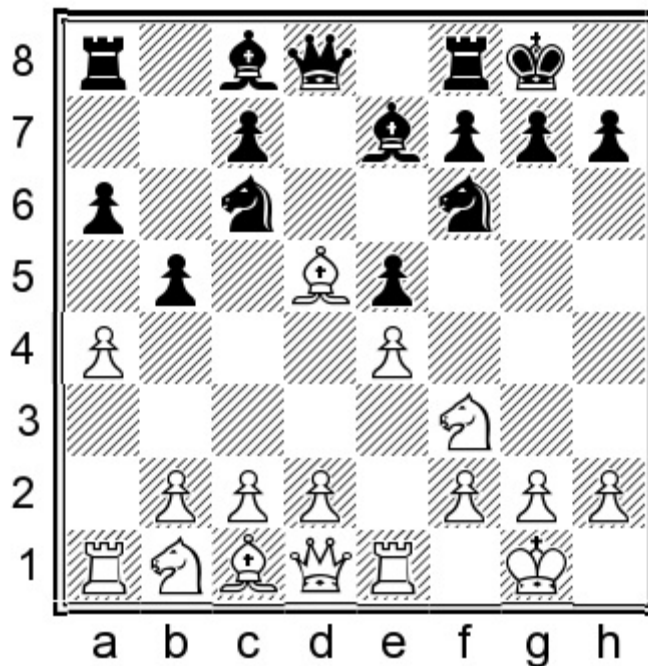
9.♙d5

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♞e1 b5 7.♙b3 O-O 8.a4 d5!? 9.♙xd5

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This move was given an exclamation mark by Wedberg in 1996. White wants to avoid the ...Na5 ideas, although here Black also doesn't have any problems equalising.

9...Nxd5 10.exd5 Nd4 Black grabs the two bishops and he has reasonable compensation.

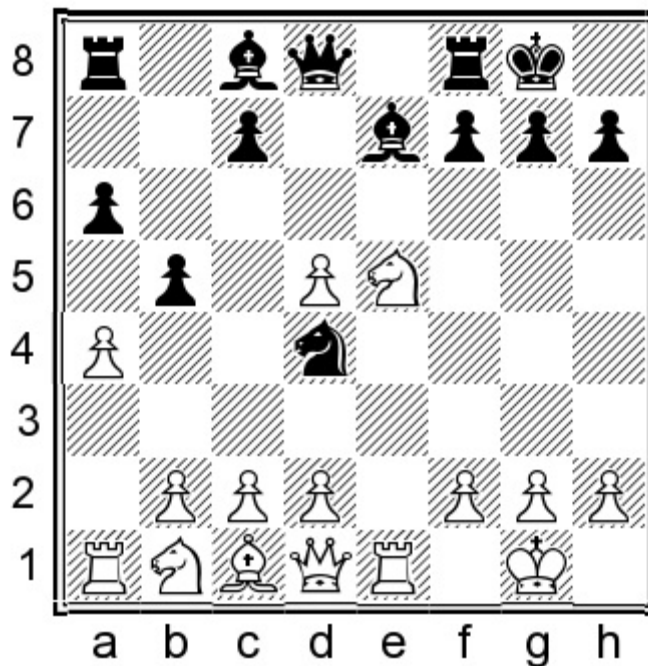
Obviously 10...Qxd5? is bad, as 11.Nc3± wins.

10...Nb4!? is an interesting alternative. However, there are no games in this line up to this moment.

11.Nxd4

11.c3 (Williams, Simon K) 11...Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Bb7±;

11.Nxe5

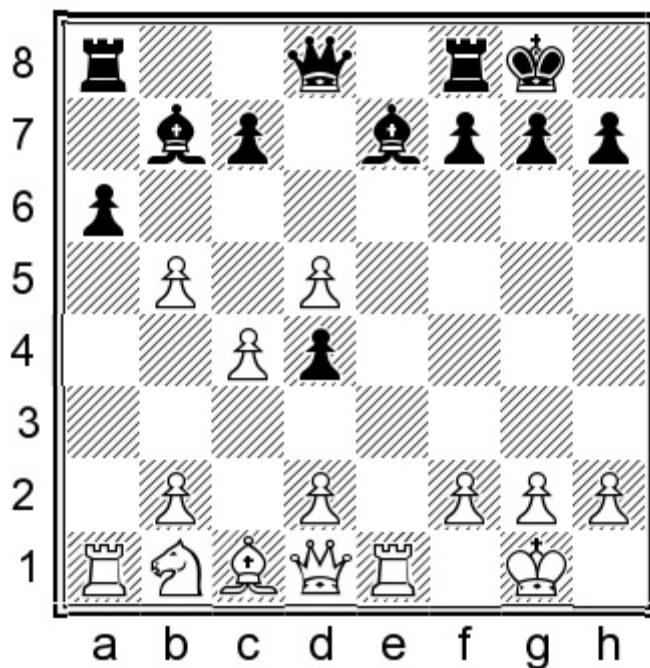


11...♔b7! (11...♙xd5 12.♘c3 ♜b7 13.♘e2 ♘xe2+ 14.♚xe2±) 12.♘c6 (12.♘c3 (Williams, Simon K) 12...b4 13.♘e2 ♜xd5 14.♘f4 ♜c5 (14...♙d6 15.c3 ♔g5) 15.c3 ♔d6= 16.♘ed3 (16.♘fd3 ♜d5 17.♘f4 ♜c5=; 16.cxd4 ♜xd4) 16...♙f5 17.cxd4 ♜fe8! with a fantastic play for the piece.) 12...♘xc6 13.dxc6 ♔xc6 14.axb5 axb5 15.♙xa8 ♔xa8 16.d4 (16.♙e2 ♜d5 Malinovsky, Karel 2456 - Horvath, Dominik 2446, Ceske Budejovice 2020) 16...c5 Black can hold the position with the bishop pair without any difficulties. (16...h6)

11...exd4 12.axb5 ♔b7 White's queenside development is extremely poor.

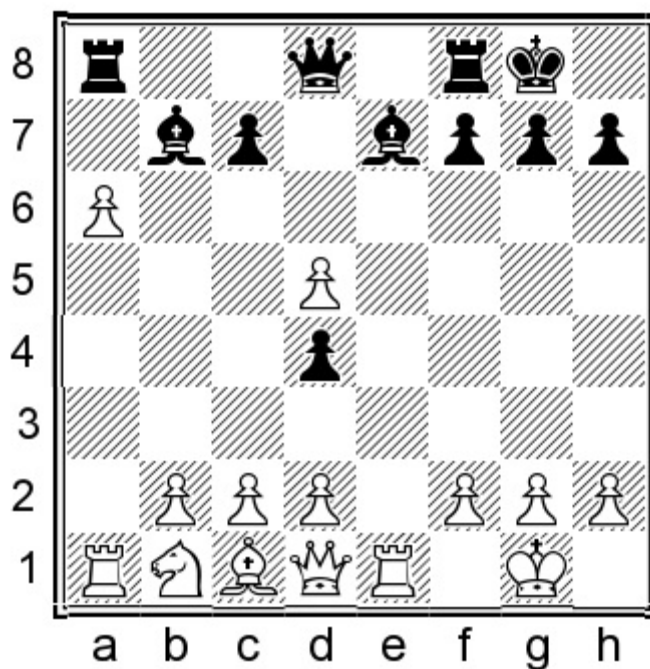
12...♔d6?! 13.d3 (Kaasen, Tor Fredrik 2394 - Carlsson, Ludvig 2132, Oslo 2020) 13...♔b7 14.bxa6±

13.c4 White is desperately trying to keep his pawn-structure solid.



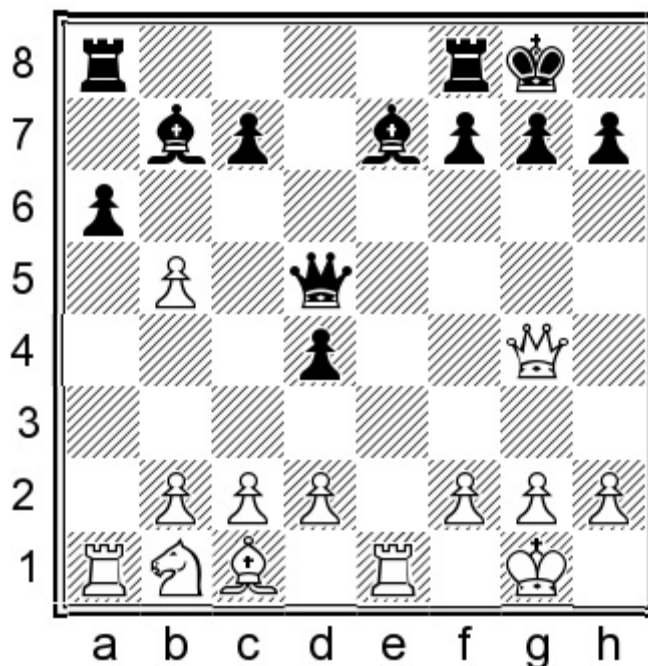
13.♔h1

In case of White gets greedy with 13.bxa6



13...♕xd5! 14.axb7 (14.♕f3 (Williams,Simon K) 14...♕b5 15.♕e2 ♕d7 16.d3 ♔d6) 14...♖xa1
15.♖xe7 ♖xb1 16.♖xc7 ♕b5;

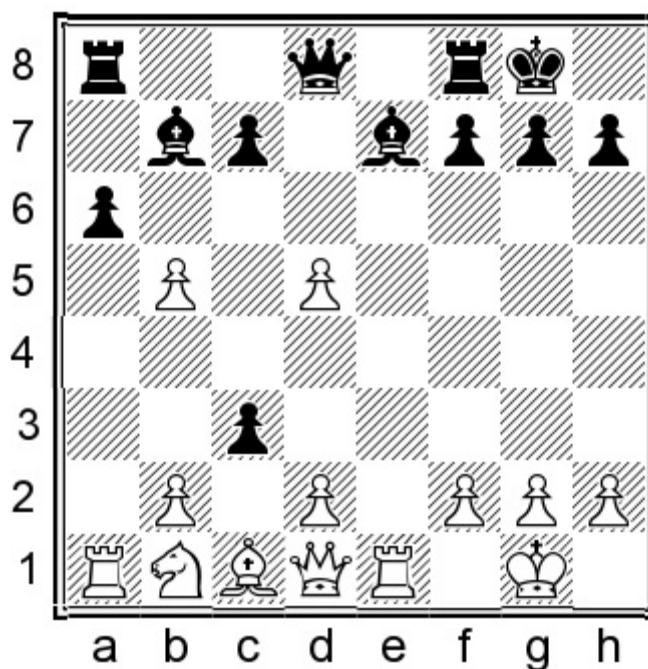
13.♕g4 ♕xd5



White should have played 14.d3 (If White accepts the piece with 14.♖xe7? ♖fe8 15.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 16.h4 ♖e1+ 17.♔h2 ♖e4! 18.♗g3 ♖xh4+ 19.♔g1 ♗h5+- Black has always a powerful threat, so White can't develop his queenside.; 14.bxa6? ♙xa6! was correct, (14...f5?! 15.♗h3 ♙d6 16.d3 ♖ae8 (16...♙xa6∞) 17.♖f1! (17.♖xe8 ♖xe8 18.♙d2 ♗e6 19.♘a3 ♙xa6 20.♘c4 ♙xc4 21.dxc4 ♙f4 22.♙a5 ♖a8 23.b4 c5 24.♗f3 ♗e4 25.♗d1! (25.♗xe4 fxe4 (Dumpor,Atif 2382 - Brenjo,Slavisa 2476, Obrenovac 2004) 26.♙d1=))) 15.♖xe7 ♙c8+- and Black wins material.) 14...h5 15.♗h3 ♙d6 16.bxa6 ♙xa6 with a good compensation for the pawn.

13...axb5! would be correct.

13...dxc3



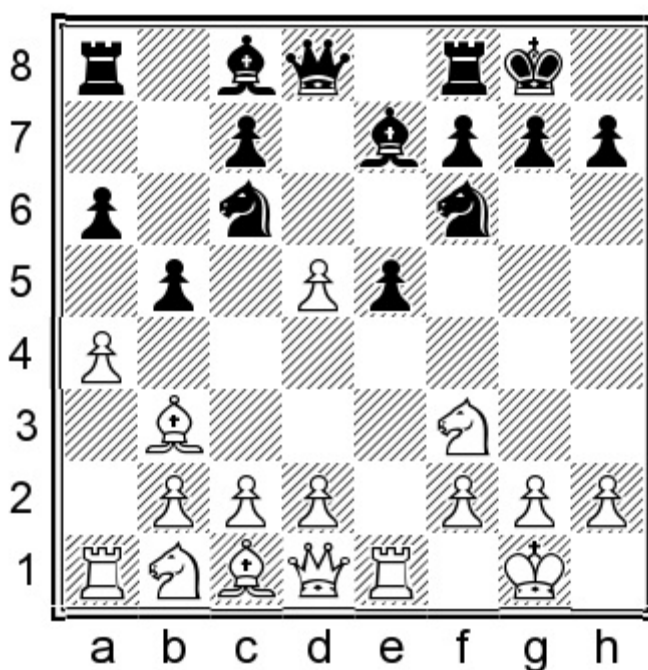
14.♖xc3! (14.dxc3?! axb5 15.♖xa8 ♕xa8 16.♗d3 ♕xd5 17.♗xb5 ♕d6 18.♘d2 ♗a8 19.f3 ♗a7+ 20.♙h1 ♗f2⇒ De Firmian,Nick 2575 - Sokolov,Ivan 2670, Amsterdam 1996 - 67/441) 14...axb5 15.♖xa8 ♕xa8 16.♗e2 b4 17.♗xe7 bxc3 18.dxc3 ♕xd5 19.♕f4± Ochsner,Bjorn Moller 2479 - Matthiesen,Martin 2260, Aarhus 2020

14.♖xa8 ♕xa8 15.d3 c6 Black has a good counterplay with his bishop pair for the pawn.

CHAPTER 2

9.ed5

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♕b5 a6 4.♕a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♕e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♕b3 O-O 8.a4 d5!? 9.exd5



9...♘a5! This is the first absolutely new move.

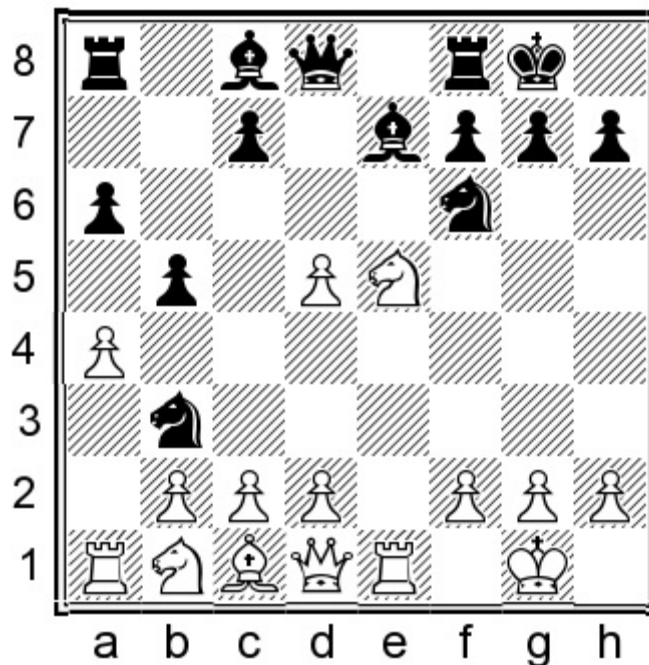
The key idea 9...e4!? has been tried before, but that doesn't give Black enough compensation.

10.♘xe5

10.axb5?! ♘xb3 11.cxb3 e4 (11...♕b7!?) 12.♘e5 ♗xd5 13.d4 (13.♘c6? ♕d6 14.♘c3 ♗f5↑ with a strong pressure on the kingside, as in Dauletova,Gulmira 2319 - Perez Rodriguez,Luis Manuel 2324, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 13...axb5 (13...♕b7☞) 14.♘c3 ♗b7 15.♖xa8 ♗xa8=;

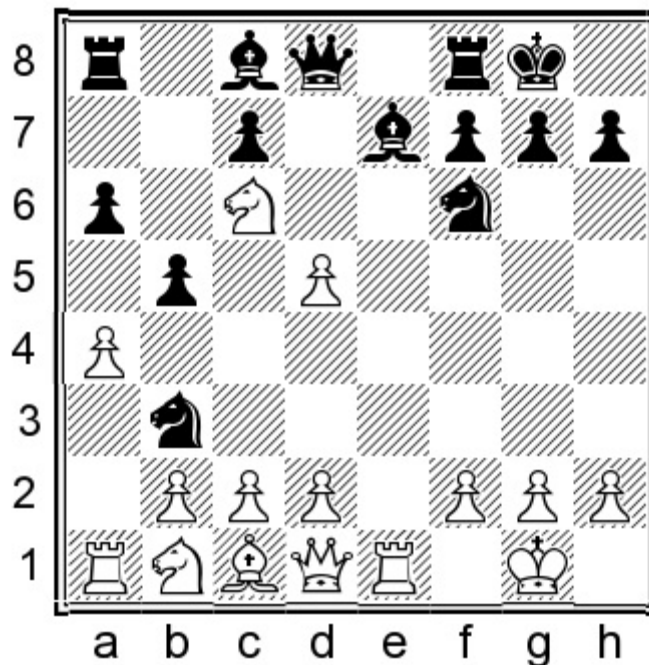
10.♕a2 leaves Black with the dangerous e-pawn. 10...e4 11.♘e5 White wants to stop ...Bg4. 11...c6!? (11...c5 12.d4 exd3 13.cxd3 ♕b7 14.♕g5 ♕xd5 15.axb5 axb5∞ Dvoirys,Semen 2480 - Rozen,Eytan 2397, Ramat Gan 2020) 12.dxc6 (12.♘xc6? is losing after 12...♘xc6 13.dxc6 ♕g4 14.f3 ♕c5+! 15.♙h1 exf3 16.gxf3 ♗b6!-+ followed by ...Qc6 and White is hopeless.) 12...♗d4 13.♘xf7 ♕g4!↑ What an active play by Black!

10...♖xb3



11.cxb3

11.♘c6?



It seems to be winning for White, but in fact it is not a good move. 11...♗g4! This is Black's trick, a very very strong move indeed! 12.♘xd8 (In case of 12.f3 ♗c5+ 13.d4 (Steindl, Johannes 2273 - Sonis, Francesco 2478, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 13...♘xd4! 14.♘xd4 (14.♘xd8 is leading to a really nice variation: 14...♘xf3+ 15.♔h1 ♘xe1 16.♙xe1 ♖axd8+ Black has only a rook and bishop against the enemy queen, but White's back-rank is weak, so Black has a powerful initiative, which should probably be enough for a victory.) 14...♙xd5 15.♗e3 ♖ae8↑ and Black has a fantastic

initiative, while White doesn't have any material plus.) 12...♔xd1 13.cxb3 ♔xb3 Black has a brilliant position, because White's development on the queenside is extremely poor. 14.♘c6 (14.♖xe7 ♖fxd8+) 14...♔d6 15.d3 (15.♘d4? ♖fe8! 16.♖f1 ♔c4 (Tancsa,Tamas 2082 - Pasztor, Balazs 2152, Magyarország 2019) 17.d3 ♔xd3+) 15...♖fe8+

11...♔b7 It is important to cover the c6-square and then Black just proceeds with smooth development.

12.♘c6 This is the best move to neutralise the dangerous bishop.

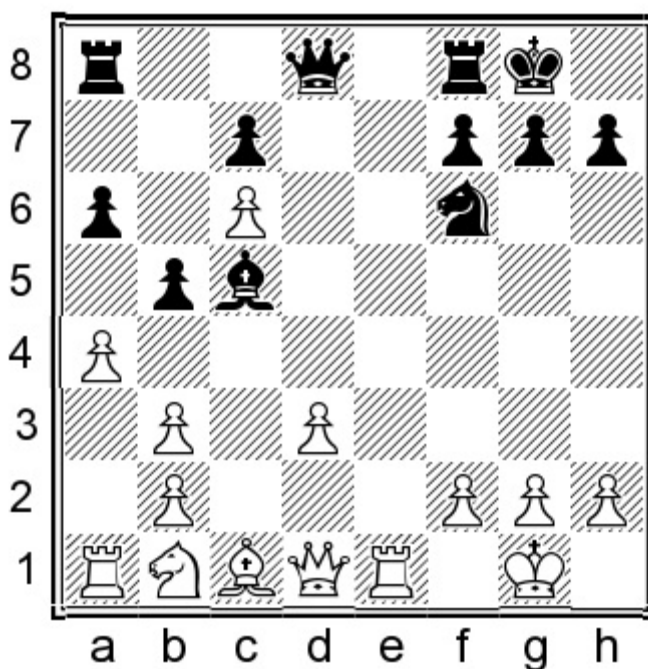
12.♘c3 b4 13.♘e2 ♔xd5 14.♘f4 ♔d4+;

12.axb5 (Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 2627 - Vazquez,Guillermo 2527, lichess.org (Internet-blitz) 2020) 12...♖xd5! 13.♘f3 ♔d6+;

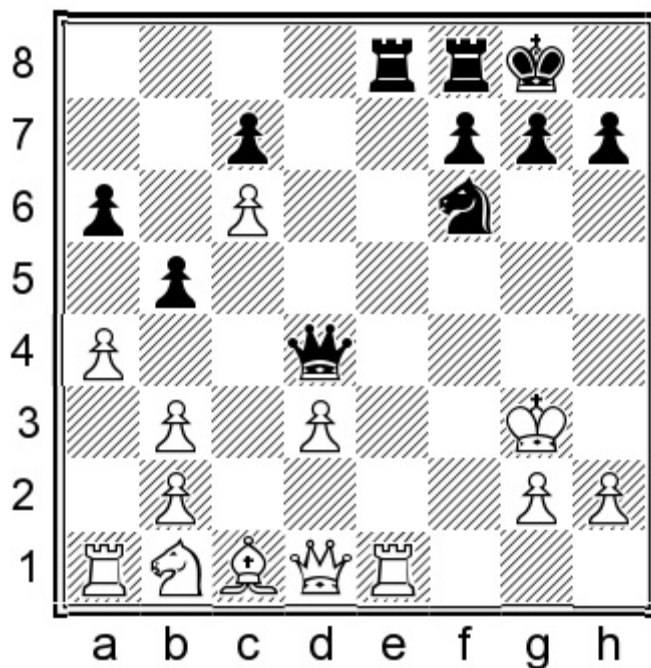
12...♔xc6 13.dxc6 ♔c5 All White's pieces are on the back-rank, so Black plays a frightening move, exerting pressure on f2. Nevertheless, White can survive with 14.d4 giving back a pawn, but opening the diagonal for his bishop.

14.d4

14.d3?!

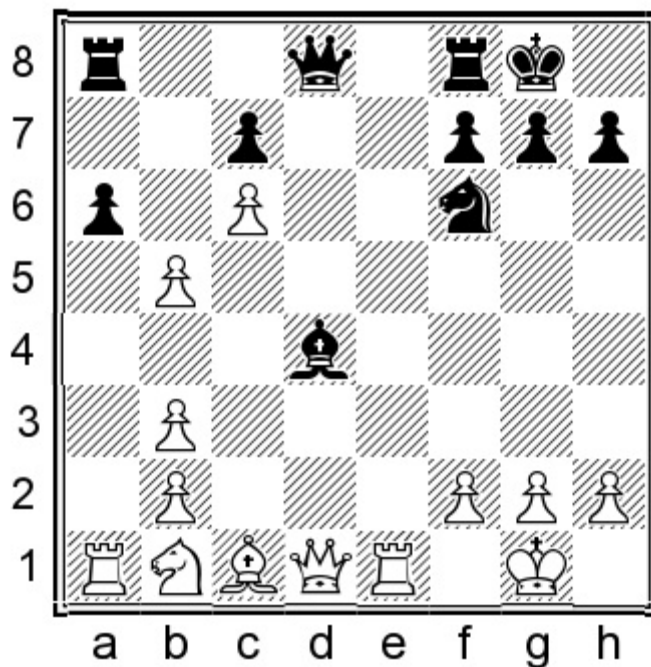


14...♔xf2+! The shocking reply! Dubov played it instantly. 15.♔xf2 ♔d4+ Now, White can still survive this position, if he finds a whole series of only moves, which is very difficult in a practical game. 16.♔g3! (16.♔e3? ♘g4+!-+ 17.♔f3 ♘xe3 18.♖xe3 ♖ae8! 19.♖e2 (19.♖xe8 ♖xe8 20.♖d2 (20.♘d2 ♖e3+ 21.♔g4 f5+ 22.♔h4 ♖e6-+) 20...♖e6) 19...♖f6+ 20.♔g3 g5! 21.♖f2 ♖d6+ 22.♔h3 ♖h6+ 23.♔g4 ♖h4+ 0 : 1 Bjerre,Jonas Buhl 2506 - Dubov, Daniil 2699, Batumi 2019 - 142/125) 16...♖ae8



17.♖f1! Incredibly, White can still hold this position. 17...♞d6+ (17...♞e3+ 18.♙xe3 ♞xe3+ 19.♞f3 ♞g5+ 20.♗f2 ♞c5+=) 18.♗f2 (18.♙f4? ♞e3+! 19.♞f3 ♗h5+ 20.♗f2 ♞xf3+ 21.♞xf3 ♗xf4+; 18.♗h3? ♞e5! 19.g4 ♞d5+) 18...♞d4+= and draw by perpetual check.

14...♙xd4 15.axb5



15...♗e4! An interesting tactical idea.

16.♙e3

16.♞xe4? ♙xf2++

16...♙xe3 17.fxe3 White should survive this position.

17...axb5 18.♖xa8 ♜xa8 19.♞d5 ♘d6

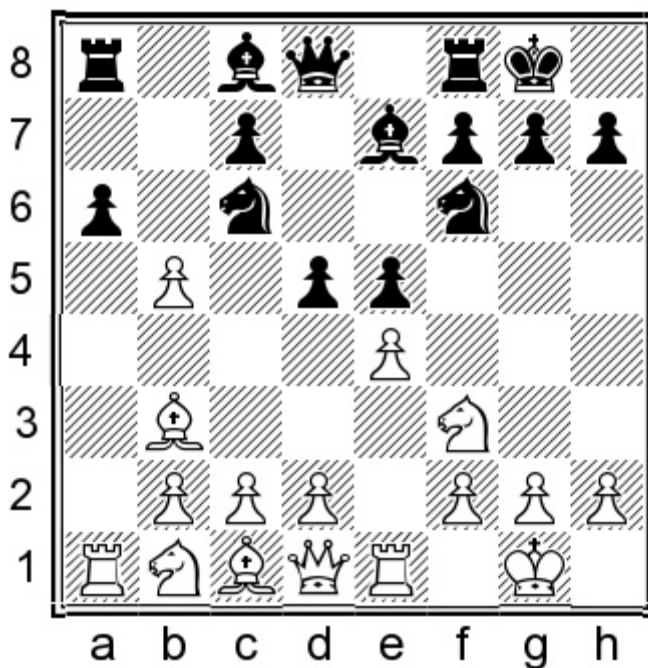
19...♘f6 20.♞xb5 ♜b8 (20...♞a2 21.♞b7 ♜xb2 22.♞xc7 ♜xb3±) 21.♞c4 (21.♞a4) 21...♞a5
Williams, Simon K

20.♘c3 b4=

CHAPTER 3

9.ab5

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♞e1 b5 7.♙b3 O-O 8.a4 d5!? 9.axb5

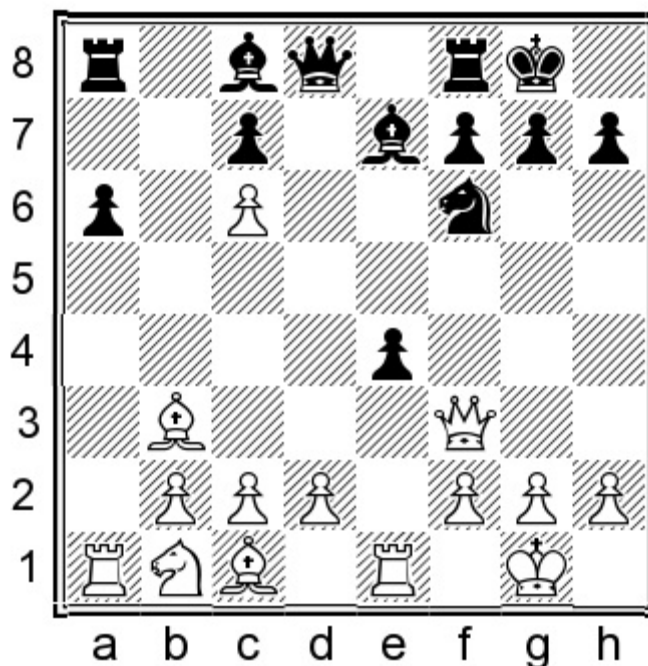


This is the critical line.

9...dxe4 10.bxc6 exf3 11.♞xf3

11.d4!? (Williams, Simon K) 11...exd4 12.♞xf3 ♞e8=

11...e4 White is very much behind in development, but he has a very accurate reply at his disposal.



11...♔e6!? is suggested by Simon K. Williams. He remarks that this is a weird move, which doesn't look right. But, it's a really tricky move to meet. 12.♙xe6 (12.♖xe5 ♙xb3!? (12...♔d6 13.♖e1 ♘g4 14.♙xe6 ♔xh2+ 15.♕f1 looks good for White. 15...♙h4!? 16.♔xg4 fxe6 17.♕e2 ♖xf2+ 18.♕d3!+- is given as winning by the computer... Quite amazing!) 13.cxb3 (13.♔xb3?! ♘g4 14.♖e2 ♙c5) 13...♖e8 14.g3±) 12...fxe6 13.♔e2 ♙c5 14.♘c3 (14.♕h1?! ♔d4 15.h3 (15.f3? ♘g4! 16.fxg4 ♖f2-+) 15...♔xf2) 14...♔d6 (14...♘g4 15.♔xg4 ♙xf2+ 16.♕f1 and Black doesn't have enough pieces for the attack.) 15.♖a4 ♔xc6 16.♖c4 ♔d6∞ and the computer considers the position to be much better for White. However, from the purely human standpoint the position is very complicated.

12.♔e2!

12.♔g3? (Lobanov,Sergei 2516 - Turgut,Aydin 2269, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 12...♘g4!-+;

12.♔e3? ♘g4! 13.♔xe4 ♙c5 14.d4 ♔h4! 15.♙e3 (15.dxc5? ♔xf2+ 16.♕h1 ♔h4-+) 15...♔xh2+ 16.♕f1 ♙d6 17.♘c3 (Roseneck,Jonas 2417 - Krastev,Alexander 2340, Deutschland 2020) 17...a5+;

12.♔c3 ♙d6 13.d4 exd3 (13...♖b8?! 14.♘d2 ♘g4?! (Kovacevic,Aleksandar 2537 - Brenjo,Slavisa 2472, Srbija i Crna Gora 2005) 15.h3!+-) 14.♔xd3 ♘g4 15.h3 ♙h2+ 16.♕f1 ♔xd3+ 17.cxd3 ♘e5 18.♖d1±

12...♙d6

12...♙c5 13.♘c3±;

12...♙g4 13.♔e3 (13.♔f1 ♙b4 14.♘c3 ♙f5 15.♖xa6±) 13...♖e8 14.h3 ♙h5 15.♘c3±;

12...♖e8 13.♘c3! (13.d4 (Subelj,Jan 2424 - Markoja,Boris 2440, Maribor 2020) 13...exd3 14.♔xd3 ♔xd3 15.cxd3 ♙f5 16.♙c4±) 13...♙d6 14.h3±

13.h3 It is in vain eventhough Black has some pressure for the pawn. Objectively, White should have

some advantage.

The natural developing 13.♘c3?! could have been met by 13...♙xh2+! 14.♕xh2 ♘g4+ 15.♔g3 (15.♔g1? ♚h4-+) 15...♚d6+ 16.f4 exf3+ 17.♕xf3 ♘h2+ 18.♕f2 ♚f4+ 19.♔g1 ♘g4 20.♚f3 ♚h2+ 21.♕f1 ♚h4→ and still Black has a strong pressure.

13...♞e8

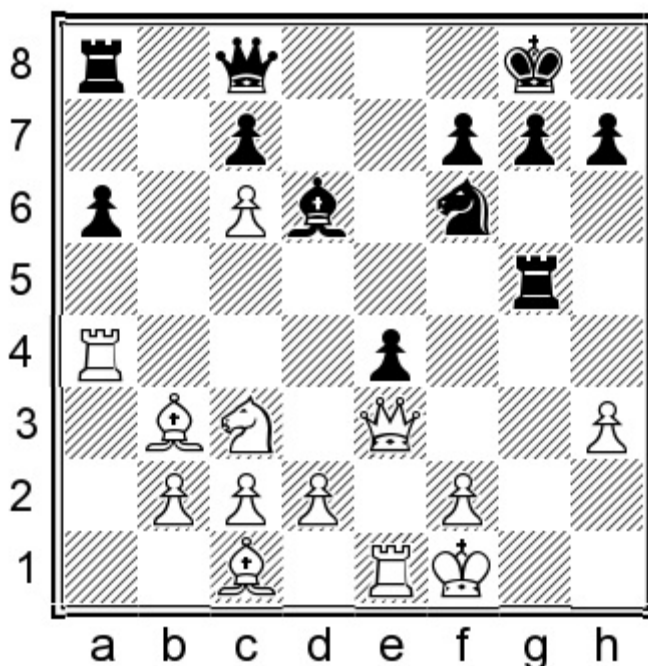
13...♚e8 (Rakotomaharo, Fy Antenaina 2429 - Viswanadha, Kesav 2367, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021) 14.d4 exd3 15.♚xe8 ♞xe8 16.♞xe8+ ♘xe8 17.cxd3±

14.♘c3

14.♞a5!? ♞b8 15.♙c4± In actual fact, White's queenside is totally undeveloped, but objectively his position should be a bit better.

14...♞e5 15.♞a4 ♙xh3! 16.♘xe4

16.gxh3!? ♞g5+ 17.♕f1 ♚c8 18.♚e3



18...♞g3!! 19.fxg3 ♚xh3+ 20.♔e2 ♚h5+ 21.g4 ♘xg4 22.♚xe4 ♚h2+ 23.♔d3 ♘f2+ 24.♔e3 ♘xe4 25.♞xe4±

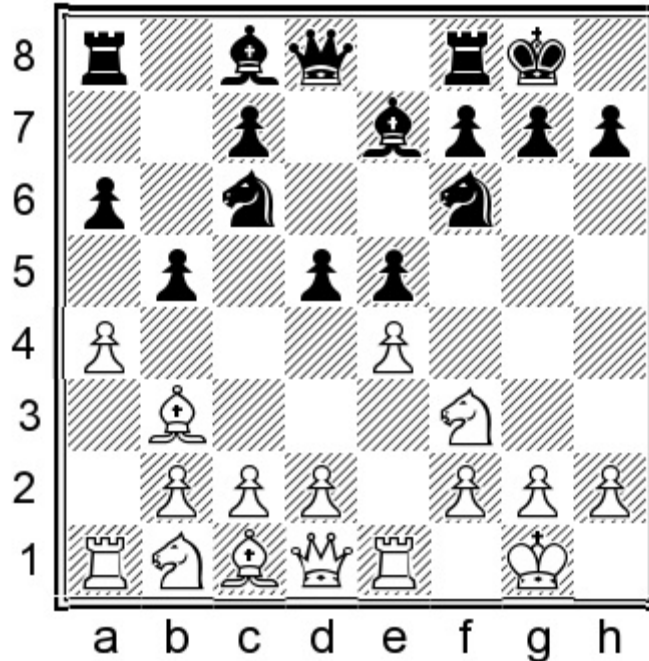
16...♙g4 17.♚e3!

17.♚f1?! ♘xe4 18.♞xe4 ♞xe4 19.♞xe4 ♚h4 20.g3 ♚h5 21.♙xf7+!? ♕xf7 22.♚c4+ ♕f8 23.♞xg4 ♞e8 24.♞e4 ♞xe4 25.♚xe4 ♚d1+ 26.♔g2 ♚xc1 27.♚f5+ ♕e7 28.♚e4+ ♕f6 29.♚d4+ ♕f7 30.♚d5+ ♕e7 31.♚e4+ ♕f6 32.♚d4+ ♕f7 33.♚d5+ ♕e7 34.♚e4+ 1/2 : 1/2 Blomqvist, Erik 2537 - Andersen, Mads 2585, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2020

17...♙f5 18.d3±

Conclusion

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♙b3 O-O 8.a4 d5!?



This is an extremely exciting idea to play in Marshall spirit! Basically 8.a4 would like to calm down the position and play a solid middlegame. Black suddenly changes the situation with 8...d5!? and gain the initiative. Even 9.ab5 is the best reply for White, but certainly Black does have reasonable compensation. Therefore this could be referred to as a quite playable line, which proves the essentiality of theoretical preparation, with both colours. For the most accurate White play, he is a pawn up, he is probably better, but he can't at all take any initiative regarding the structure of the game. This line may require practical test in the future.

A STORY ABOUT HORSES AND ELEPHANTS

By GM Michael Prusikin

In Russian knights are called "horses" (kon), while the bishops are called "elephants" (slon). Therefore, chess trainers do not have difficult time explaining their pros and cons, as may even assume that their jobs is "easy". The simple question arises - Which one is stronger, a horse or an elephant? And of course, the answer is usually a prompt one since the elephant is a much stronger animal. Trainers then proceed with the analogy of the chess game, stating that the bishop (elephant) is usually much stronger on the chess board as well.

However, in chess a knight quite often dominates the bishop! How is that possible? Well, if a knight is placed on a central outpost where it cannot be attacked by enemy pawns or exchanged for an enemy piece, it can prove to be much more powerful than the bishop restricted by its own pawns.

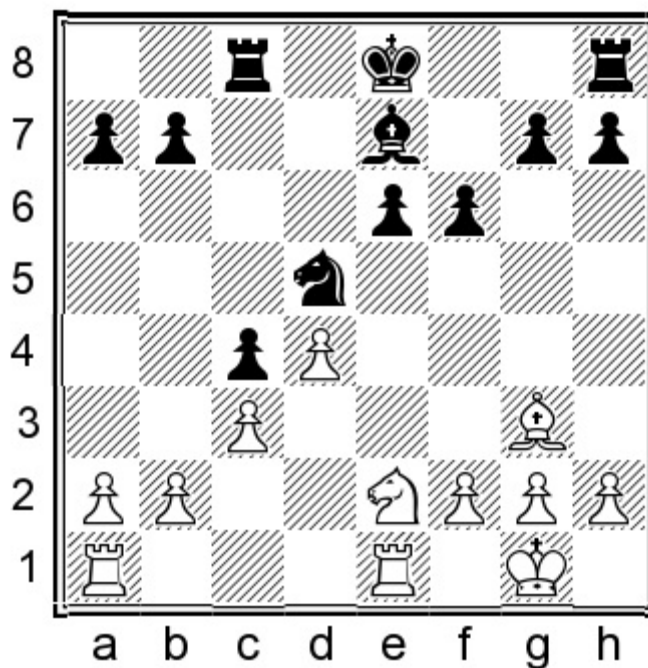
Let's take a look at some instructive examples!

**Henneberger, Walter - Nimzowitsch, Aron
Schweiz (ch), 1931**

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- **Peak rating:** 2571
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004





Black is clearly better due to his superior minor pieces, but he should choose his next move wisely.

18...g5! This is a very important prophylactic move! The mighty knight on d5 is Black's best piece, therefore the exchange by means of 19.Nf4 must be prevented.

19.f4 h6!

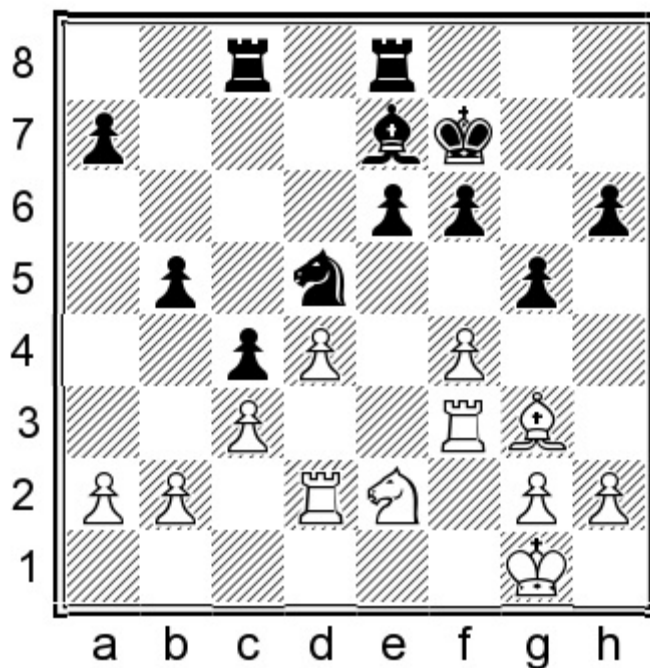
19...g4? loses the control over the f4-square again: 20.f5! exf5 21.♖f1 ♘e3 22.♗f4±

20.♗ad1 ♔f7 21.♗d2 b5 Of course, Black's main idea is to open the b-file by playing b4 after a proper preparation.

22.♗f1

22.♗dd1

22...♗he8 23.♗f3



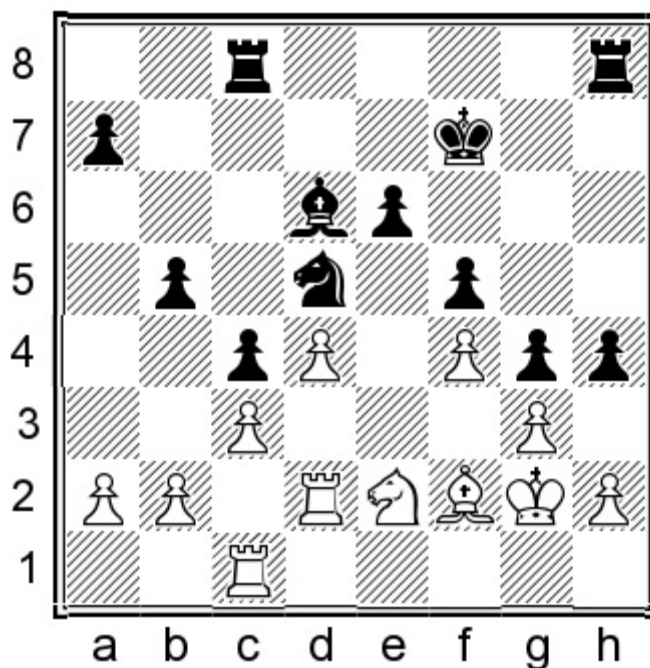
23...g4! Now it is OK to play this move, because White has no time for the desirable f5.

24.♖f1

24.♞d1

24...f5! 25.♔f2 ♜g8 26.g3 h5! A huge space advantage allows Black to play on both sides of the board.

27.♞g2 ♔d6 28.♞c1 h4 29.♞dd1 ♜h8 30.♞d2



30...♞e7 Black's king starts his march to the queenside, aiming to get into the opponents position when the time comes.

31.♖dc2

31.♖dd1

31...♔d7 32.♖e1 ♖h7 33.♖a1 hxc3 34.hxc3 a5 35.♖cc1 ♖ch8 36.♖h1 Maybe it was more stubborn to keep the rooks on the board, but the position on the board should be winning anyway in the long run.

36.♙g1!?

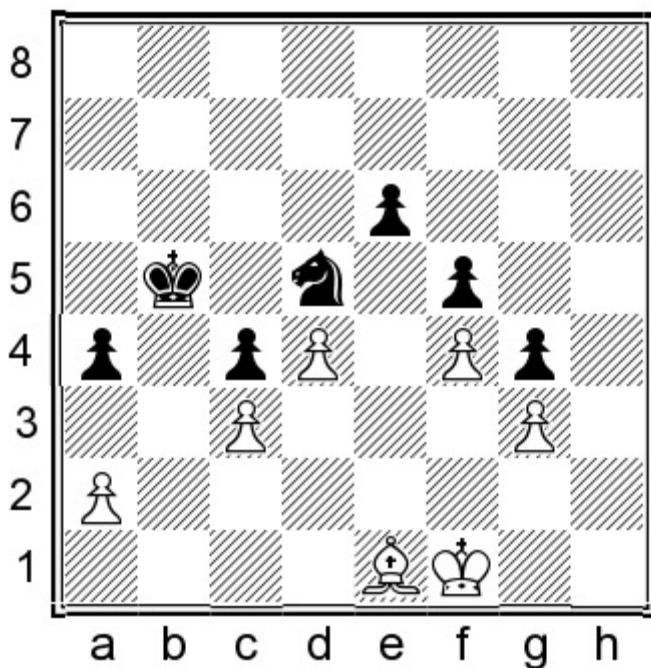
36...♖xh1 37.♖xh1 ♖xh1 38.♔xh1 b4 39.♔g2 a4 40.cxb4 ♙xb4 41.♔f1 ♔c6 42.♙e1 ♔b5

42...a3 43.bxa3 (43.♙xb4 axb2-+) 43...♙xa3-+ looked much easier to convert.

43.♘c3+! This is clearly White's best chance!

43...♙xc3 44.bxc3

44.♙xc3 a3-+



44...♔c6 Black's is winning, but lots of work is needed to reach desired result. The first step is to bring the king to e4.

45.♔e2 ♘f6 46.♔e3 ♘e4 47.♔e2 ♔d5 48.♔e3 ♔d6! Starting the triangulation!

49.♔e2 ♔c6 50.♔e3 ♔d5 The first zugzwang position.

51.♔e2 ♘d6 52.♔e3 ♘b5 53.♙d2 ♘a3! One-way-journey, but Nimzowitsch calculated the variation till the end correctly!

54.♙c1 ♘b1! 55.♙b2

55.♙d2 ♘xd2 56.♔xd2 ♔e4 57.♔e2 a3-+

55...a3! 56.♔a1 ♔d6! The second triangulation!

57.♔e2 ♔c6 58.♔d1

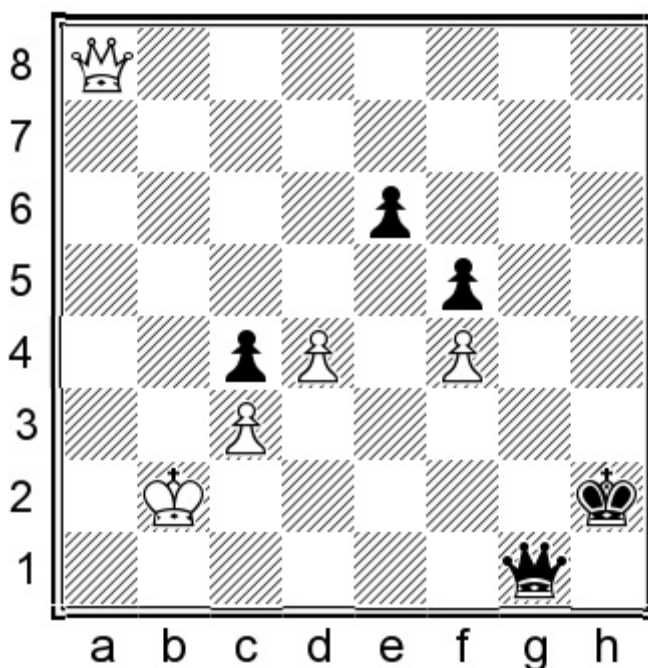
58.♔f2 ♘d2-+;

58.♔e3 ♔d5-+

58...♔d5 59.♔c2 ♔e4 The knight is dead - long live the king!

60.♔xb1 ♔f3 61.♔b2! One more time the best defence! White is showing great resourcefulness.

61...axb2 62.a4 ♔xg3 63.a5 ♔h2 64.a6 g3 65.a7 g2 66.a8=♚ g1=♚+ 67.♔xb2



The first pawn race ended with a draw, but what about the second one?

67...♚g2+! 68.♚xg2+ ♔xg2 69.♔a3 ♔f3 70.♔b4 ♔xf4 71.♔xc4 ♔e3 72.d5 exd5+ 73.♔xd5 f4 74.c4 f3 75.c5 f2 76.c6 f1=♚ 0-1

This time Black is quicker! A great game by Nimzowitsch, a real classic gem!

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Prusikin, Michael (2547) - Burri, Quentin (2412)
Mulhouse, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♔g5 e6 7.♔b5 ♔d7 8.♚d3 ♔e7 9.O-O-O h6 10.♔h4 O-O 11.♔xc6 bxc6 12.♘b3 d5 The most popular move in this position.

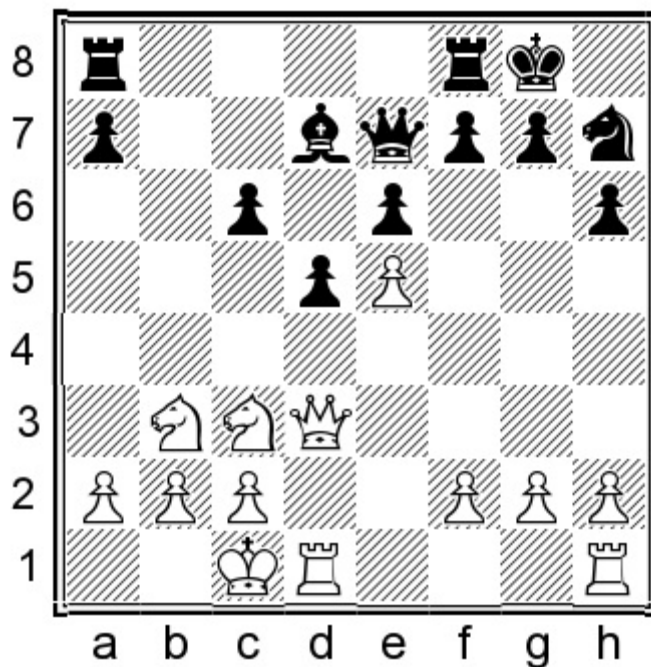
In my opinion 12...a5 is preferable.

13.e5 ♘h7

13...♘e8 makes no real difference: 14.♔xe7 ♚xe7 15.♚d4 f6 16.exf6! ♚xf6 17.♚xf6 gxf6 18.♚he1 e5

19.f4!± Once again White achieves a dark-squared-blockade.

14.♙xe7 ♜xe7



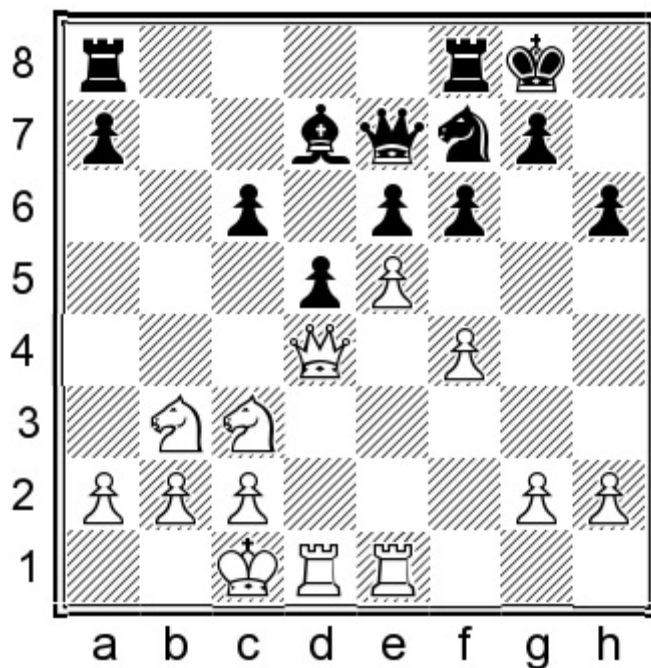
15.♞d4!N An important novelty.

15.♞e3?! f6 16.f4 fxe5 17.fxe5 ♙e8= (17...♞f5 18.h4± Lagarde,Maxime 2655 - Nevednichy,Vladislav 2531, Paleochoira 2020 - 145/ 53)

15...f6 16.♞he1 ♜g5

16...fxe5 17.♞xe5± This is the point of 15. Qd4: White takes on e5 with the rook and his pawn on f2 is still protected by the queen.

17.f4 ♜f7



18. ♖c5!?

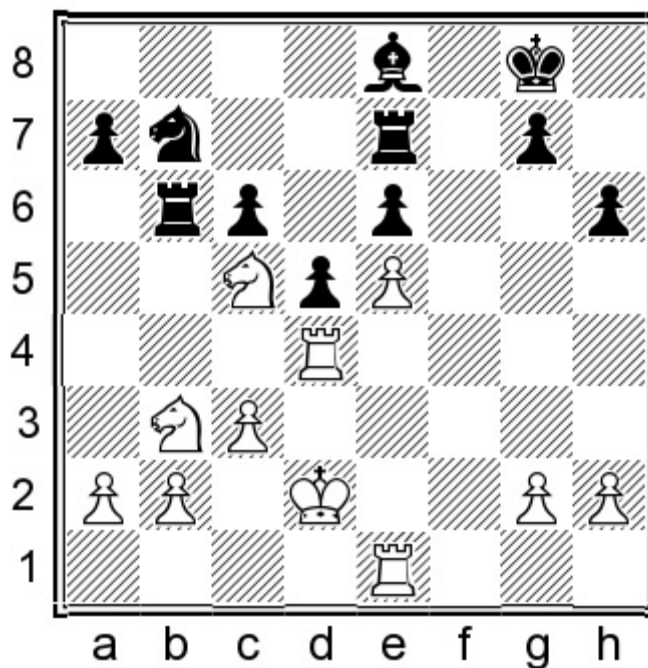
18.exf6 gxf6 19. ♘e4 e5 20. ♘ec5± looked also very promising, but with the long term positional advantage I wanted to go for an endgame.

18... ♜fe8?!

18... ♜d8

19. ♜xe7 ♜xe7 20. ♘a4 fxe5 21. fxe5 ♜b8 22. ♘ac5± White's positional advantage is overwhelming. His knight dominates Black's bishop completely. Black faces a very difficult defence.

22... ♘d8 23. ♜d4 ♜e8 24. ♔d2 ♜b6 25. c3 ♘b7

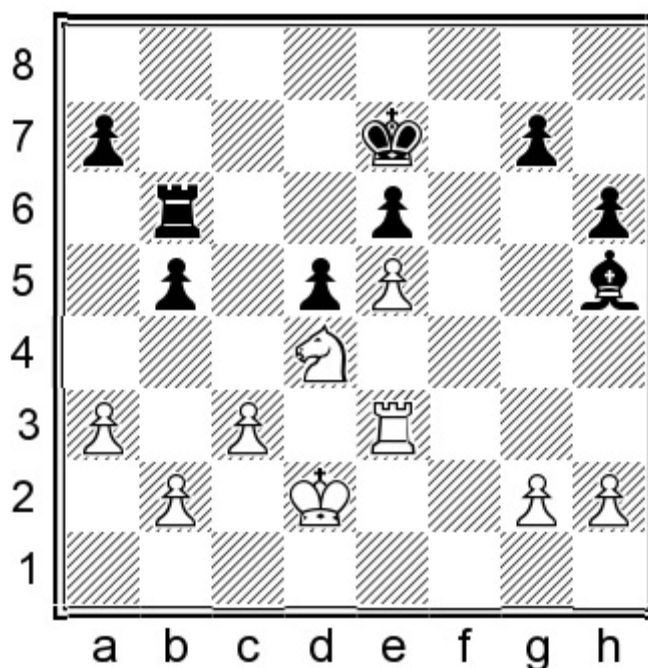


26.♖b4! Only move to maintain the blockade.

26...♟xc5 27.♞xc5 ♜b5 28.♞xb5 cxb5 29.♞f1 ♔f7 30.♞b3 I wanted to bring my knight to the outpost on d4. However, this was maybe too formulaic. The knight was actually well-placed on c5. The correct plan was to protect the knight with b4, to place the king on d4, and to activate the rook.

30...♞b7 31.a3 ♜b6 32.♞d4 ♔f8 One of the drawbacks of my 30th move. Now Black is able to bring his king into the game.

33.♞f4 ♔e7 34.♞g4 ♔f8 35.♞b3 ♔h5 36.♞g3 ♜c6 37.♞d4 ♜b6 38.♞e3 ♔e7 39.♞g3 ♔f8 40.♞e3 ♔e7



41.g4! White needs to open a file for his rook.

41...♙e8 42.g5?! This is way too impatient.

42.♖g3 ♔f7 43.h4 was called for: 43...♔e7 44.h5 ♙f7 45.♔e3 ♙e8 46.g5 hxg5 47.♖xg5+-

42...hxg5?

42...h5!± Would have made it very difficult for White, to make any progress.

43.♖g3 ♙d7 44.♖xg5 ♔f7 45.h4 ♖b8 46.h5 ♖h8

46...a5 47.b3!+-

47.♔e3 ♖h7 48.♜e2 ♖h8 49.♜f4 ♖c8 50.♜e2?! A strange mistake.

The variation 50.♜g6 ♖c4 51.♖g3 ♖e4+ 52.♔f2 ♔e8 53.♖f3 ♔d8 54.♖f7+- was not too hard to calculate.

50...♖c4 51.♜d4 ♖c8

51...a5 52.♖g1 b4 53.cxb4 axb4 54.b3 ♖c3+ 55.♔d2 ♖h3 56.axb4+-

52.♔f4?

52.♖g3! The previous mistake on the move 50 made White's task much more difficult. It was already necessary to calculate some variations very carefully: 52...a5 53.♔d3 ♖h8 54.♜f3!! ♖xh5 55.♔d4+-

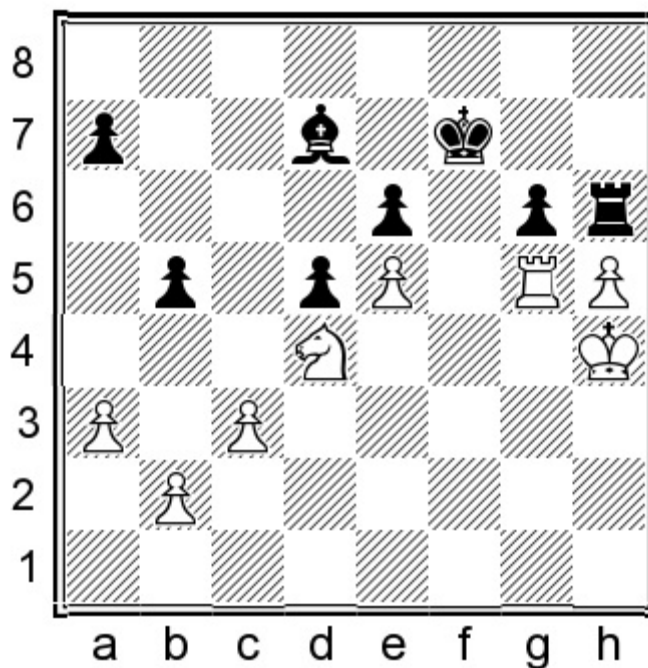
52...♖h8?!

52...a5!

53.♔g4 ♖h6? The last mistake.

53...a5 was sufficient for a draw: 54.♔h4 b4 55.axb4 axb4 56.cxb4 ♖b8 57.♖g4 ♖xb4 58.♖f4+ ♔e8 59.♜xe6 ♖xf4+ 60.♜xf4 d4 61.♔g3 ♔e7 62.♔f3 ♙c6+ 63.♔e2 ♙b5+ 64.♔d2 ♙c4=

54.♔h4 g6



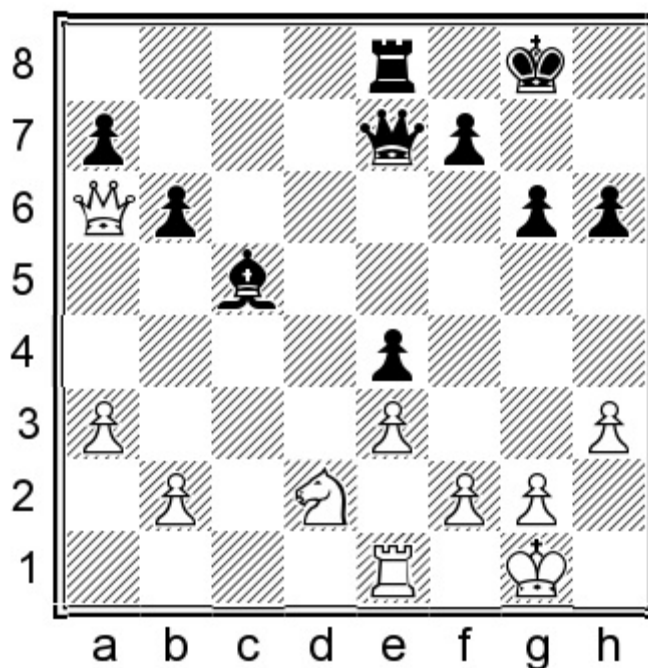
Five moves earlier Ne2 was a mistake. Now it is the only path to the victory!

55.♘e2! ♖xh5+?! The exchange of the rooks looks wrong, and indeed, it allows White a very easy win.

But, the alternative was also hopeless: 55...gxh5 56.♘f4 ♖h7 57.♖xh5 ♖g7 58.♖h8 ♖g1 59.♖a8+-

56.♖xh5 gxh5 57.♙xh5 ♙g7 58.♙g5 a6 59.♘f4 ♖c8 60.♘h5+ ♙f7 61.♙h6 ♖b7 62.b4 ♖c6 63.♘f4 ♖e8 64.♘h3 ♙e7 65.♙g7 ♖h5 66.♘f4 ♖g4 67.♘g6+ 1-0

Wang, Yue (2736) - Eljanov, Pavel (2720)
Elista, 2008



White should be slightly better in this position, because the pair Q + N is a bit stronger than Black's Q + B. Also, the pawn on e4 could get weak in the process.

32.♔a4! Preventing Black from playing 32...Qd7 and taking some more important squares under control.

32.♔c8

32...♙d6 33.♖d1 ♘e5

33...h5? 34.♘xe4!+-

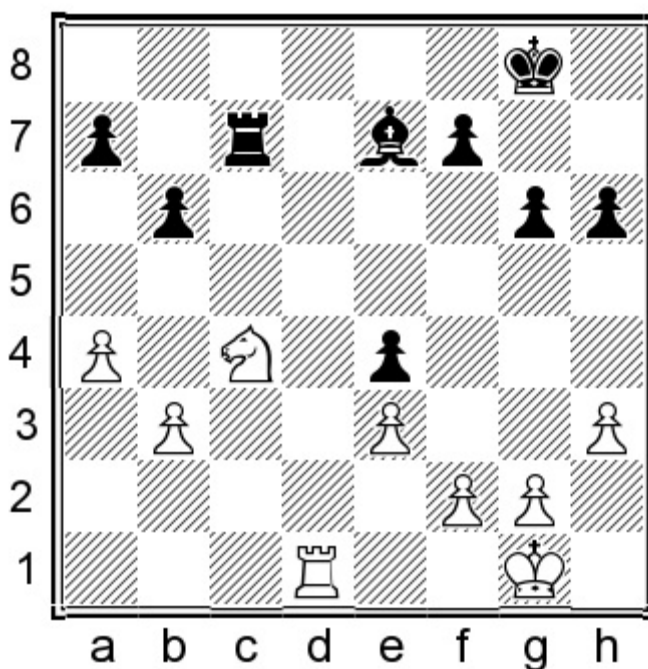
34.♘c4 ♜c8 35.b3 This move is creating an outpost for the knight.

35...♞c7 36.♔b5 ♙f6?!

36...♞c5! was the right defence, which should have led to a more or less forced draw: 37.♔d7 ♔xd7 38.♞xd7 ♙c7 39.a4 ♖f8 40.g4 b5! 41.axb5 ♖e8 42.♞d4 ♞xb5 43.♞xe4+ ♖f8 44.♘d2 ♙a5=

37.a4± Now a long and difficult defence is awaiting Black.

37...♞c5 38.♔d7 ♞c7 39.♔xe7 ♙xe7



40.g4! Preventing Black from playing f5.

40...♖g7

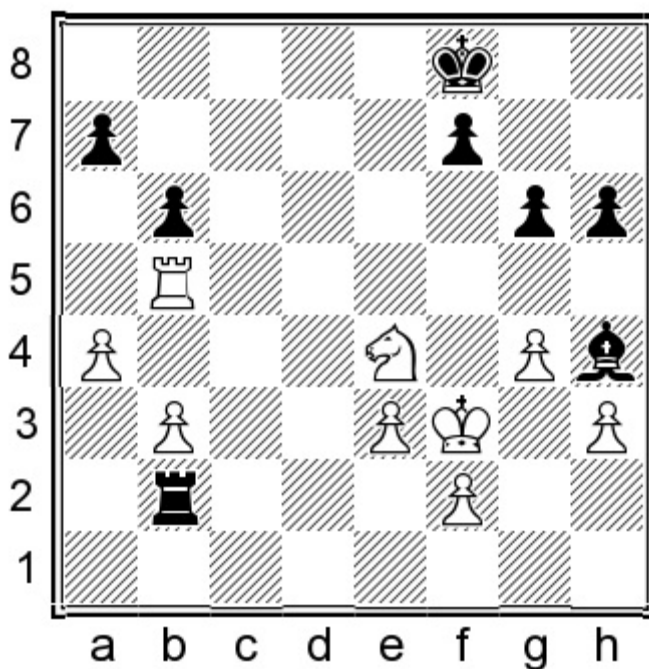
40...f5? 41.gxf5 gxf5 42.♞d5 ♞c5 43.♞d7+-

41.♞d5! ♙h4?

41...f6! looks strange, but it was the only way to keep the balance. Although, a deep calculation was necessary to make this move: 42.h4 (42.♖g2 ♖f7 43.a5 bxa5 44.♞xa5 ♞b7 45.h4 ♞xb3 46.♞xa7±;

42.♔f1) 42...♔f7 43.h5 ♕e6! 44.♞d4 gxh5 45.♞xe4+ ♔d7 46.gxh5 ♞c5 47.♞h4 ♞d5 48.♞d4 ♕e6= Black's active king saves his day.

42.♘d6 ♞c2 43.♘xe4 ♞b2 44.♞b5 ♕f8 45.♔g2 ♕g7 46.♔f3 ♕f8



47.a5 The only way to make any progress.

47...bxa5 48.♞xa5 ♞xb3 49.♞xa7 ♞b2 50.♞d7 ♔g7 51.♞d2 Once again, the only way to free the knight and the king from protecting the pawn on f2.

51...♞xd2 52.♘xd2 The arisen ensuing is still drawish, but in a practical game it is not easy to hold it.

52...♔f6

52...f5!±

53.♔e2 ♕e6 54.♘f3 ♞d8 55.♘d4+ ♔d5 56.♔d3 ♞b6

56...♞c7! 57.f4 g5!±

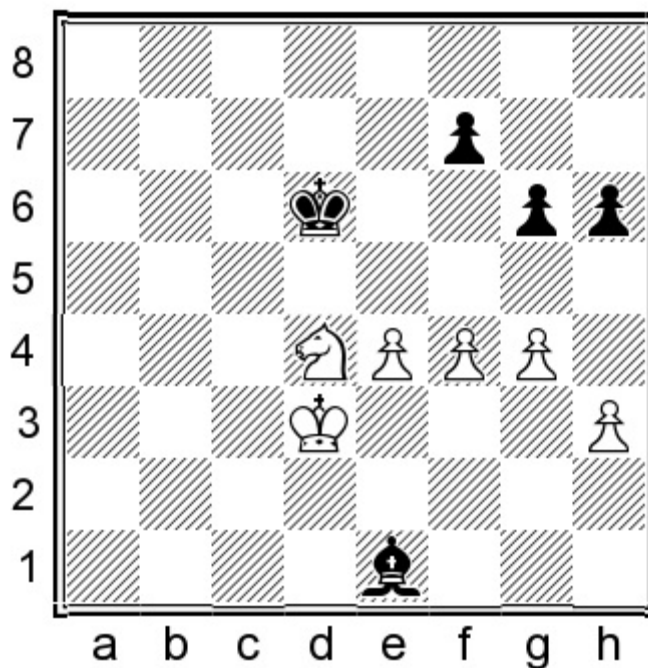
57.f3

57.f4! ♔d6 58.♔c4 ♞a5 59.e4 f6±

57...♞a5? A decisive mistake. Here the bishop is not safe from some unpleasant knight forks.

57...♞c7!±

58.e4+ ♔d6 59.f4+- ♞e1



59...f6 60.h4! ♔d7!? (60...♙e1 61.h5+-) 61.f5! (61.h5 gxf5 62.gxf5 ♙c7 63.♙e3 ♙b6 64.♔d3 ♙c7=) 61...g5 (61...gxf5 62.♘xf5+-) 62.hxg5 hxg5 63.e5! fxe5 64.♘f3+-

60.♔c4? allowing Black to escape!

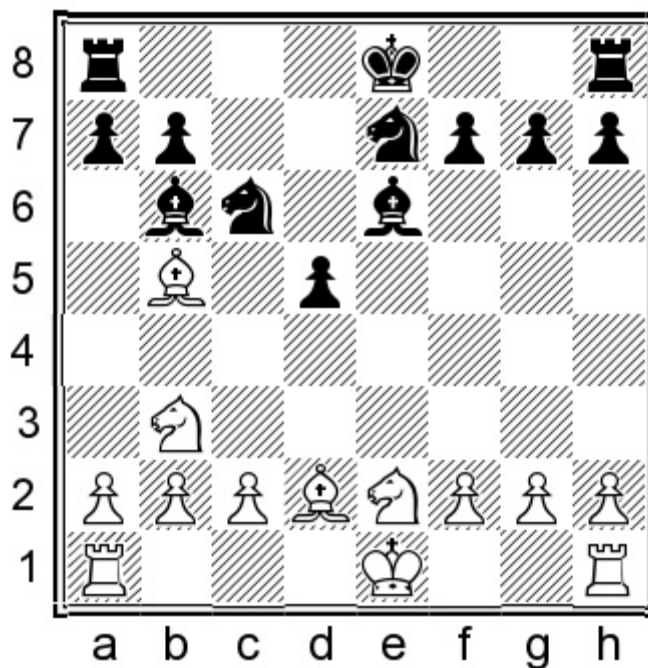
60.e5+! ♔d5 61.♘c2! ♙f2 62.♘b4+ ♔c5 63.♘a2 ♔d5 64.♘c3+ ♔e6 65.♔e4+-

60...♙d2 Unfortunately, Pavel misses his chance!

60...f6!±

61.e5+ ♔e7 62.f5 gxf5 63.gxf5 ♙g5 64.♔d5 ♔f8 65.f6 ♙d2 66.♔e4 ♙c1 67.♔f5 ♙d2 68.♘f3 ♙c3 69.♘g1 ♙d4 70.♘e2 ♙b2 71.♘f4 ♙c1 72.e6 fxe6+ 73.♘xe6+ ♔f7 74.♘d8+ ♔e8 75.♘c6 1-0

Bronstein, David - Bagirov, Vladimir
USSR (ch), 1961



11.♞a5! In order to take the dark-squares, especially the important outpost on d4, under his control, White needs to exchange the b6-bishop.

11...♞xa5+ 12.♜xa5 O-O-O 13.♞xc6?! This exchange looks very logical.

Continuation 13.♜b3!? d4 14.O-O-O ♞xb3 15.axb3 a6 16.♞d3± was more promising.

13...bxc6?!

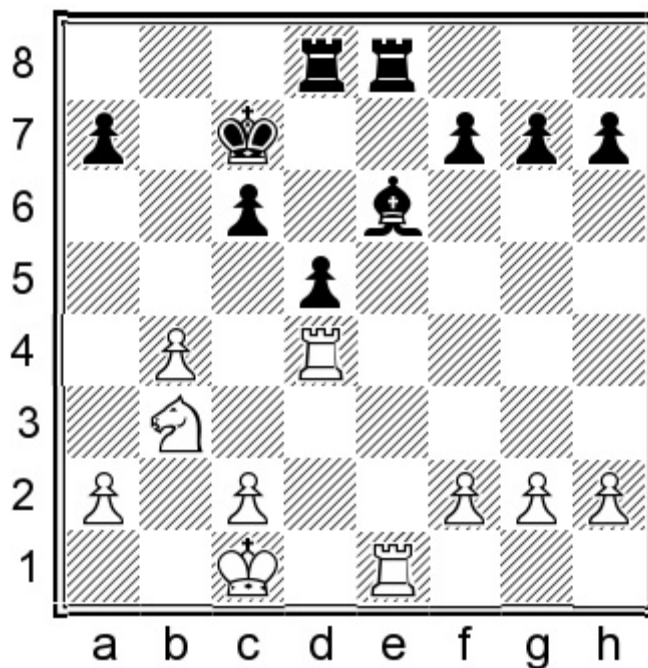
Black should have exchanged the knight, to be able to get rid of his weak a-pawn: 13...♜xc6 14.♜xc6 bxc6 15.b4 ♞c7 16.♜d4 a5 White still has a tiny advantage, but with only one weakness on c6 Black should be able to defend easily.

14.b4± ♞c7? This natural move leads to a very difficult endgame.

14...d4!? should have been tried. After 15.♜f4 (15.O-O-O d3! 16.cxd3 ♞xa2=) 15...♞c7 Black's position still looks defensible.

15.♜d4± Now white has a clear, long term advantage due to the dark-square blockade. On top of that, his knights are dominating the position.

15...♞d6 16.♜ab3 ♜f5 17.O-O-O ♜xd4 18.♞xd4 ♞e8 19.♞e1 ♞dd8



20...♖e3! This rook is on its way to a6, where it will be able to put both weaknesses under pressure at the same time.

20...♙f5 21.♖c3! The e-file does not matter at all, because there is nothing to attack for the black rook, as the all white pawns are well protected.

21...♖e1+ 22.♜b2 ♜d6 23.♖f4 ♙g6 24.g3 ♖b8 25.a3 ♖b6 26.♖c5 ♖e7?! Too passively played on Black's part.

26...♖b5 looked much more stubborn.

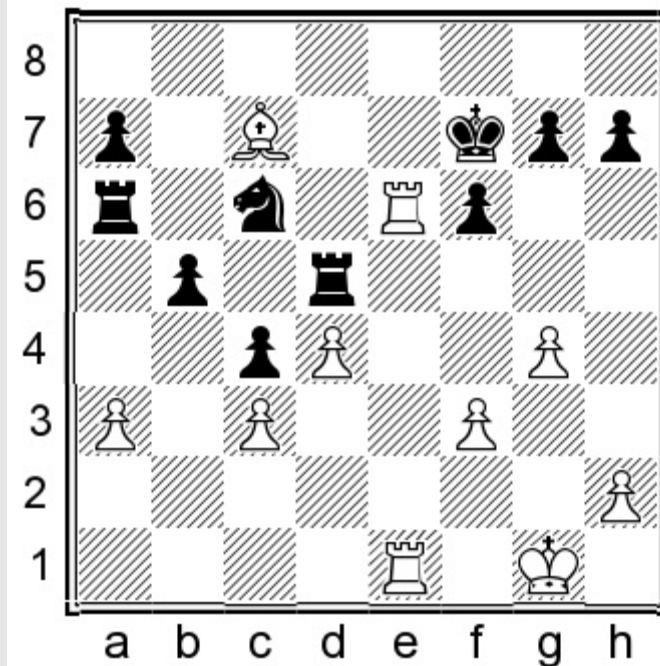
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45...♖b7 46.♘d6

46.♖xa7+ ♜e8 47.a5 d4 48.cxd4 ♖xe3 49.fxe3 ♙c4 50.d5 1-0

We will conclude this article with some exercises:

1
Kakageldyev, Amanmurad (2410) - Bronstein, David (2535)
USSR, 1980



What is the best move for Black?

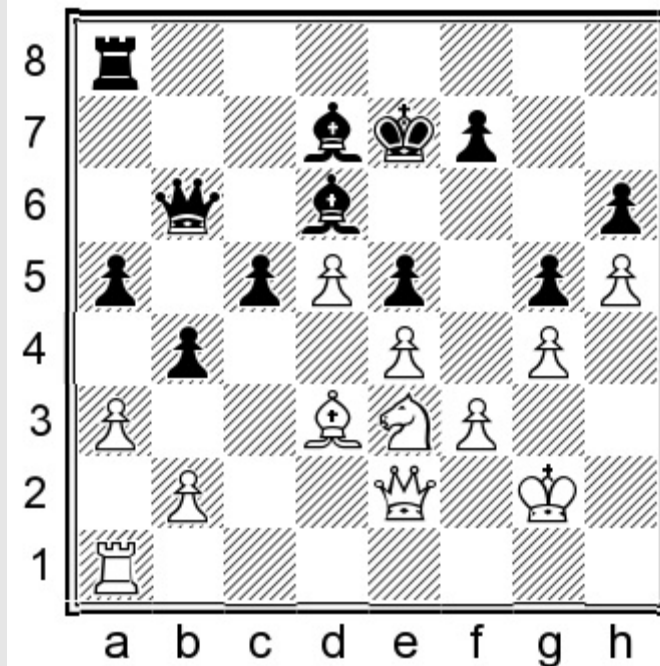
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Black's main idea is to transfer his knight to the outpost on d5.

29...♖d7! 30.♗g3 ♜b6! 31.♕g2 ♞e7! This positional pawn sacrifice allows Black to reach his goal.
32.♞xb6 axb6 33.♞b1 ♞d5! it is done! **34.♞xb5 ♜e6-+** Now White is completely helpless against the activation of the black rook.

2

Larsen, Bent (2625) - Hort, Vlastimil (2600)
San Antonio, 1972



What is the best move for White?

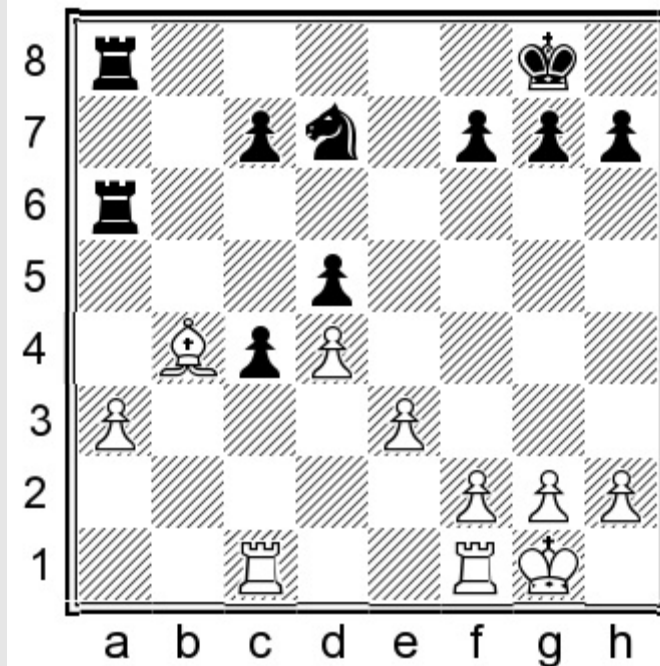
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39.a4! A very strong move. White is aiming for the exchange of the light-squared bishops. If this plan succeeds his knight would dominate Black's dark-squared bishop. **39...♖b8 40.♙b5!**

Nevertheless! **40...♗xb5 41.♚xb5 ♜xb5 42.axb5 ♝xb5 43.♔f1+- b3 44.♕e2 ♗c7 45.♞a4 ♕d7 46.♕d3 ♝b6 47.♕c3 ♝b5 48.♘c4 ♕e8 1-0**

3

Zujev, Oleg (2311) - Prusikin, Michael (2508)
Schweiz, 2018



What is the best move for Black?

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24...♞f8! This retreat has two ideas:

1. Black wants to transfer his knight to b5 in order to put the a3-pawn under pressure.
2. The knight is ready to block the e-file and to attack the pawn on d4 in case of the e4 advance.

25.e4?! This move weakening own pawn structure. Instead, a passive defence was called for.

25...c6 26.♞fe1 ♜e6+ 27.exd5 cxd5 28.♞cd1 f6 29.g3 g5!-+

29...♞f7 30.f4

30.f3 ♞f7 31.♞f2 h5 32.♞e3 ♞h8 33.f4 gxf4 34.gxf4 ♞xf4 35.♞e7+ ♞g6 36.♞g1+

36.♞e3 ♞h3-+

36...♞f5 37.♞e3 ♞e6+ 38.♞xe6 ♞xe6 39.♞e7 ♞g5 40.♞f1+ ♞e6 41.♞b4

41.♞xf6 ♞f8-+

41...♞e8 42.♞f4 ♞f7 43.♞e1 ♞e6+ 44.♞e3 ♞c5+ 45.♞f3 ♞xe1 46.♞xe1 ♞e4! 47.♞e3 ♞e6 48.a4 ♞d7 49.♞b4 ♞c6 50.♞f4 c3 51.♞f5 c2 52.♞a3 ♞f2 53.h4 ♞d3 54.♞g6 ♞b6 0-1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Game Changers?

PART I

In life quite often we ask the question what if... What if I did this, or we said that... I have decided to investigate the history of the World Championship matches and establish what could have happened if some players who lost the matches with small margin had played a bit different. Sometimes the glory is only one or two moves away.

The Unofficial Duel for the Crown

I want to start this "What if..." series with Howard Staunton (April 1810 - 22. June 1874).

He was an English chess master who is generally regarded as the world's strongest player from 1843 to 1851. He promoted a chess set of clearly distinguishable pieces of standardised shape - the Staunton pattern promulgated by Nathaniel Cooke - that is still the style required for competitions in modernday chess. In 1849, Nathaniel Cooke registered a chess set design, and Jaques of London obtained the manufacturing rights.

Staunton advertised the new set in his "Illustrated London News chess" column, pointing out that the pieces were easily identifiable, very stable, and good-looking.

Each box was signed by Staunton, and Staunton received a royalty on each set sold. He was the principal organiser of the first international chess tournament in 1851, which made England the world's leading chess centre.

In actual fact, Staunton took the lead in organising the first ever international tournament, as he thought the Great Exhibition of 1851 presented a unique opportunity, because the difficulties that obstructed international participation would be greatly reduced. He may also have been motivated by reports that a few years earlier Ludwig Bledow had proposed to organise an international tournament in Germany, whose winner was to be recognised as the world champion.

Staunton and his colleagues had ambitious objectives for this tournament, including convening a "Chess Parliament" to complete the standardisation of various rules and procedures for competitive

Marian Petrov	
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• Born: 1975	
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• Peak rating: 2549	
• Title: Grandmaster since 2010	

chess and for writing about chess. Staunton also proposed the production of a compendium showing what was known about chess openings.

Before the tournament started *Captain Kennedy and the Liberty Weekly Tribune* in Missouri wrote that the winner should be regarded as "the World's Chess Champion".

The organisers obtained financial contributions from Europe, the USA and Asia, enabling the committee to set up a prize fund of GBP 500. Despite the generally enthusiastic response, several elite players were unable to participate, including Von der Lasa, Saint-Amant and Cochrane. Adolf Anderssen was at first deterred by the travel costs, but accepted his invitation when Staunton offered to pay Anderssen's travel expenses out of his own pocket if necessary.

The committee had also organised a "London Provincial Tournament" for other British players, and "promoted" some of the entrants to play in the International Tournament to obtain the right number of players for a knock-out tournament. The tournament was a great success, but disappointing for Staunton personally; in the second round he was knocked out by Anderssen, who won the tournament convincingly; and in the playoff for third place Staunton was narrowly beaten by Elijah Williams.

Staunton's defeat by Williams suggests that Staunton had over-stretched himself by acting as both a competitor and the Secretary of the organising committee. It should be noted that the famous Immortal Game, Anderssen - Kieseritzky, London 1851, was played as an offhand game during a break in this tournament. It was not one of the games of their first-round match.

LONDON 1851

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ANDERSSSEN	1	1	1	0	1	4
STAUNTON	0	0	0	1	0	1

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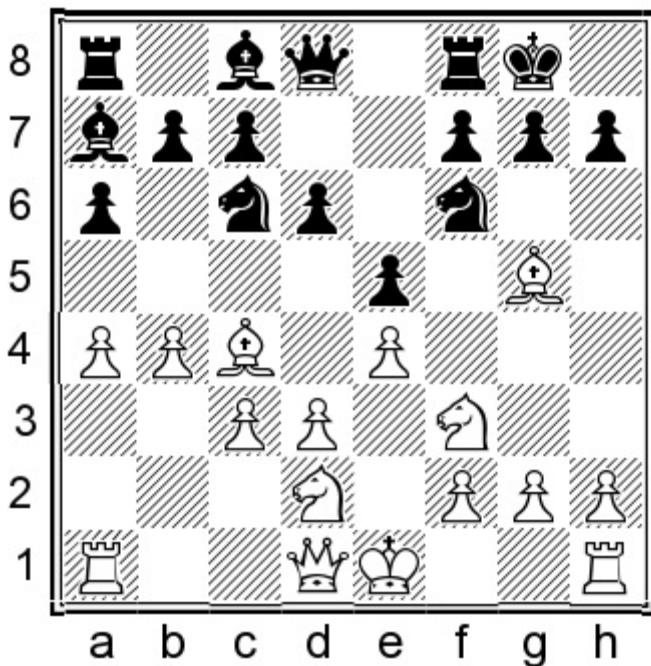
Staunton, Howard - Anderssen, Adolf
London (m/2), 1851

Howard Staunton

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 At those times most players were going for the King's Gambit or Evans Gambit, but here White optioned for more pragmatic approach.

4.d3 d6 5.c3 ♘f6 Nowadays the Giuoco Piano is a common guest in the top level games and we are familiar with the usual plans - Nbd2 etc., but it was a different time back then and I guess that White was bothered that moving the knight would block his dark-square bishop.

6.♙g5 O-O 7.♘bd2 a6 8.a4 ♙a7 9.b4



9...♖e7!? An unexpected move which shows that Anderssen is not worried about doubling the pawns, as he intends to bring the knight to g6.

10.♙xf6 gxf6 11.♘h4 A very common idea now which shows how good were those guys even positionally in the romantic period of our beautiful game.

11...c6 Black is also alert and finds the best defence.

11...♘g6 12.♗f5 ♙xf5 13.exf5±

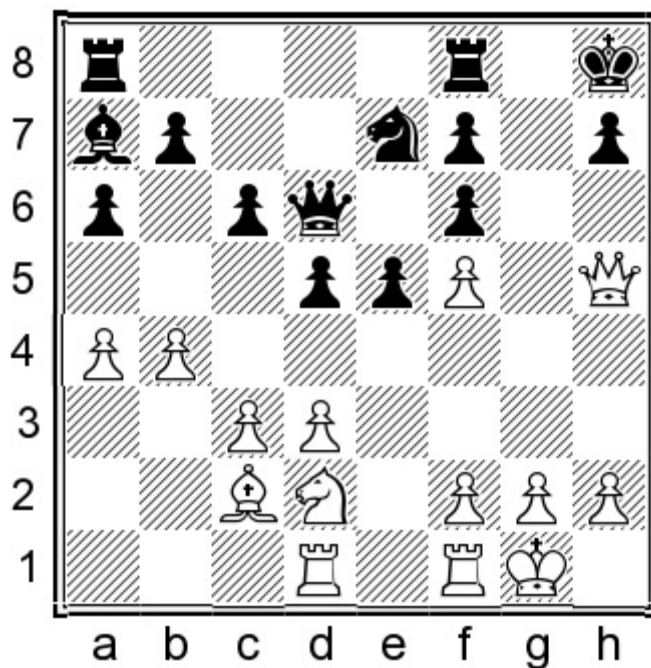
12.♖f3 d5 13.♙b3 ♖d6 14.O-O

14.♗f1 ♘g6 15.♗f5 ♙xf5 16.exf5 e4!=

14...♔g7 15.♖ad1 ♙e6 16.♙c2 ♘g6?!

16...♖ad8 17.♔h1 ♖g8=

17.♗f5+ ♙xf5 18.exf5 ♗e7 19.♖h5 ♔h8



Adolf Anderssen

20.♔h1

20.♘e4! dxe4 21.dxe4 ♖c7 22.♞d3 ♞g8 23.♞fd1 a5!
(23...♞ae8 24.♙b3 ♞g7 25.a5 ♖b8 26.♞d7±) 24.♞d7 ♖b6
25.♞1d2 ♞ae8 26.♞xf7 ♞gf8

20...♘g8 21.f4 ♞ae8 22.fxe5 I think that is a mistake as it gives Black many defensive options such as Qh6 or Nf6.

22.♞f3 exf4 23.♞h3 h6 24.d4↑

22...fxe5 23.♞f3

23.g4 ♖h6=

23...f6 This is a bit passive.

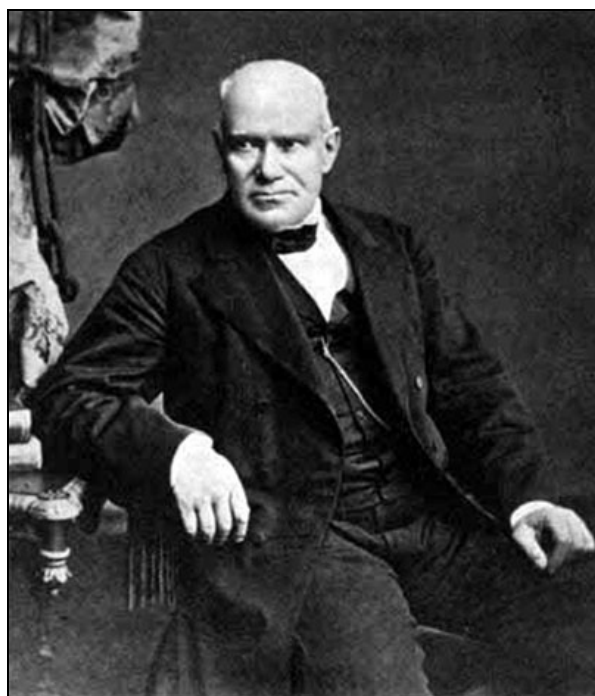
Better is 23...♘f6 24.♖h6 ♞g8

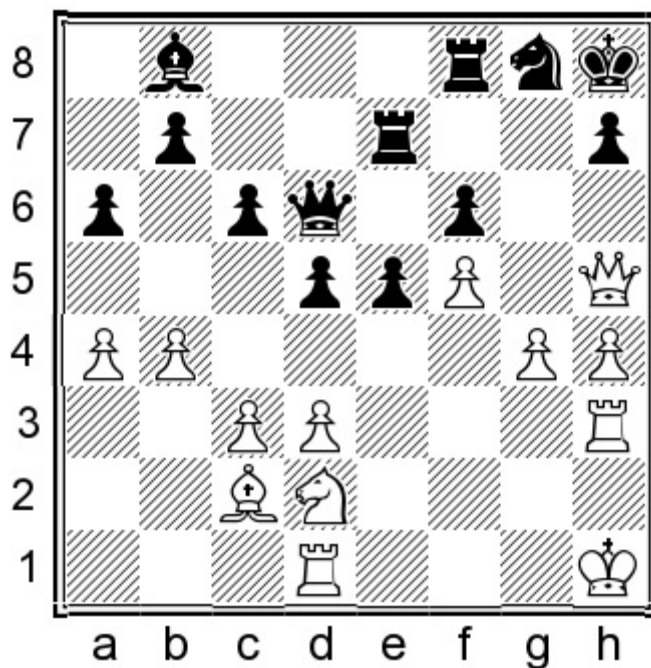
24.g4 Staunton goes for a direct attack but that allows Anderssen to open the game in the centre by means of the e4-pawn push.

24...♞e7 25.h4 ♙b8

25...a5!

26.♞h3





26...♖d8

26...e4! 27.dxe4 dxe4 28.♜xe4 ♕f4+- and Black is winning!

27.♖g1 ♖g7

27...e4!

28.g5 ♖dd7

28...fxg5 29.hxg5+-

29.g6

29.gxf6 ♜xf6+-

29...♙a7 30.♖g2 ♖de7 The last few moves of Anderssen's were very passive, thus allowing Staunton to generate a pretty strong attack.

30...a5↗

31.♕e2

31.a5 c5 32.♖hg3 cxb4? 33.gxh7+-

Here White could have a great position with 31.♖hg3! e4 (31...h6 32.a5 c5 33.c4 e4 34.dxe4+-) 32.dxe4 ♕f4 33.♖f3+-

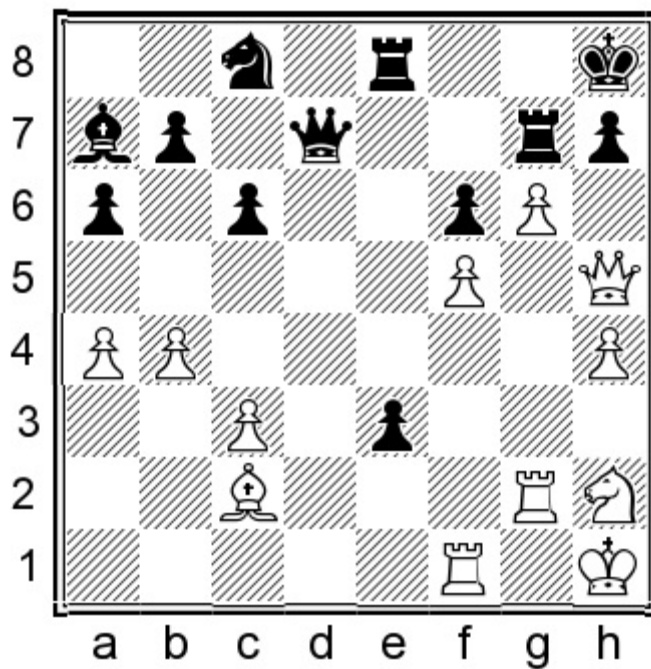
31...♕d7 32.♕h5

32.♖f3 hxg6 33.fxg6 f5 34.♖f1 ♜f6 35.h5 f4 36.h6±

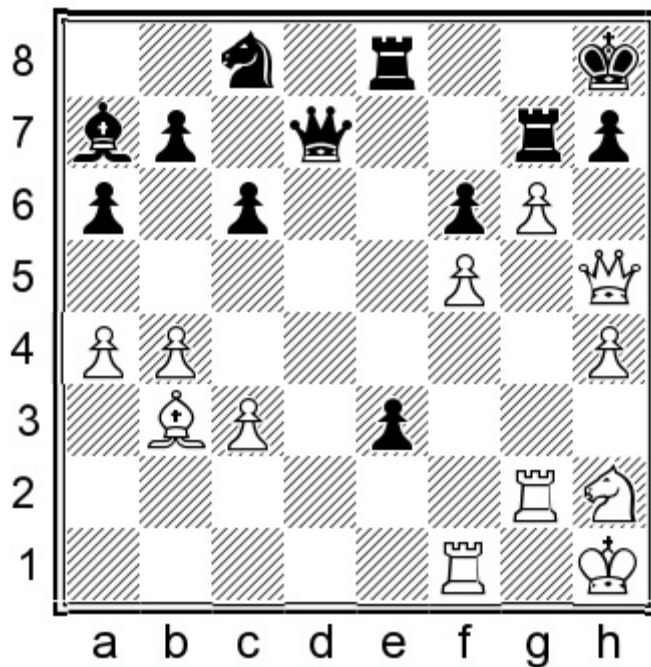
32...♖e8 33.♖f3 ♜e7 34.♜f1 ♜c8 35.♜h2 e4 Finally, Black decides to go for the e-pawn advance, but

it seems a bit too late.

36.dxe4 dxe4 37.♖f1 e3



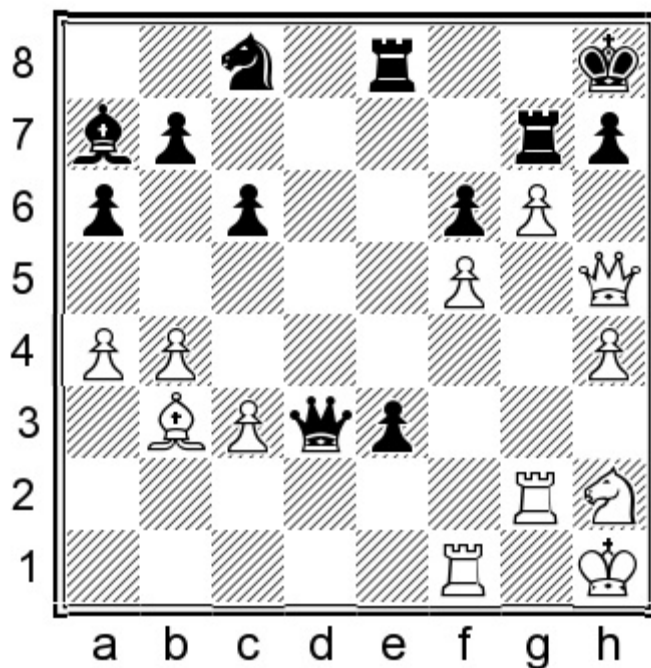
38.♗b3??



38.♔e2 White should just advance the h-pawn and then Black should be lost. 38...♗d6 (38...♔d2 39.h5 ♔xe2 40.♖xe2 hxg6 41.fxg6+-) 39.h5 h6 40.♗g4+-;

38.♖d1 ♔e7 39.♔e2

38...♔d3??

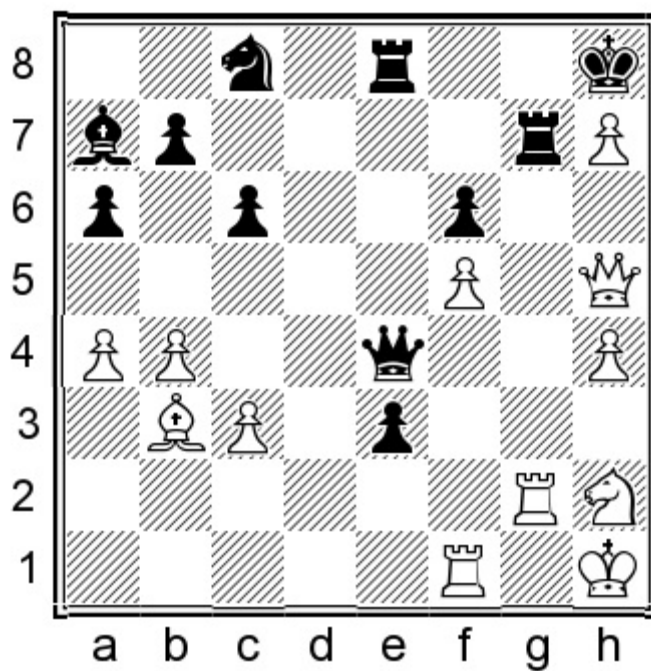


Black is back in the game after 38...♘d6! 39.♙e6 (39.♖fg1) 39...♖xe6 40.fxe6 ♖xe6

39.gxh7??

White is back on the winning path after 39.♖d1! ♖xc3 (39...♖e4 40.♙c2 ♖e7 41.♖e2+-) 40.gxh7+-

39...♖e4



40.♘f3?? And now suddenly, Black is counterattacking while the white pieces are without any coordination.

40.♖e2 was more stubborn.

40...e2 41.♖e1 ♖xg2 42.♙xg2 ♖e7! - taking control of the g-file.

43.♙h3

43.♖g6 ♖g7;

43.♙f7 ♘d6 (43...♖xf7 44.♖xf7 ♖g4+ 45.♙h2 ♖f4+ (45...♙b8+ 46.♙h1 ♖xf3+) 46.♙g2 ♖g4+;
43...♖e3 44.♖g4 ♖f2+ 45.♙h3 ♖f1+ 46.♙h2 ♖f2+ 47.♙h1 ♖f1+ 48.♘g1 ♖xg1+ 49.♖xg1) 44.♖g6;

43.♙g8 ♖g7+

43...♖g7 44.♙e6 ♘d6 Now White does not have any useful moves.

44...♘b6 45.♖e8+ ♙xh7 46.♖h5#

45.♘g5 fxg5 46.♖xe2

46.hxg5 ♖xh7

46...♖xh4+ 47.♙g2 ♘e4 48.♙g8 ♖g3+ 0-1

The First Official Match

Wilhelm Steinitz

The World Chess Championship 1886 was the first official World Chess Championship match contested by Wilhelm Steinitz and Johannes Zukertort. The match took place in the United States, the first five games being played in New York City, the next four being played in Saint Louis and the final eleven in New Orleans. The winner was the first player to achieve ten wins.

Wilhelm Steinitz won the match 10 : 5, winning his tenth game in the twentieth game of the match. There were five draws.

Previously, there were a number of "unofficial" world championship matches held between the undisputed leading players of the day, but talk of an official World Championship did not occur prior to the 1866 match between Steinitz and Adolf Anderssen. Steinitz won that match (+8 -6 =0) and although he made no known reference to a "World Championship" at the time, in later life he would sometimes backdate the tenure of his reign to the date of the Anderssen match.

However, most historians now accept that the 1886 match between Steinitz and Zukertort was the first official World Championship match. Zukertort staked his rival claim to being the world's leading player by a number of tournament wins, notably Paris 1878 and London 1883. The following year



(1884) saw the death of Paul Morphy and so finally, nothing stood in the way of a first official World Championship match between the two rivals.

As there was a degree of hostility between them, the match arrangements were somewhat protracted and lasted almost three years. Disagreement over the choice of venue was resolved when Steinitz finally persuaded Zukertort to accept the United States, his new place of residence, over London. This was mostly due to the better conditions offered to the players by the American organizers. Zukertort was given the princely sum of \$750 to make the trip across the Atlantic, and the winner of the match was promised a quarter of the proceeds from the betting syndication.

THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1886

The First Official Match

Games 1 to 5 were played in New York City.

Games 6 to 9 were played in Saint Louis.

Games 10 to 20 were played in New Orleans.

NEW YORK CITY

	1	2	3	4	5
ZUKERTORT	0	1	1	1	1
STEINITZ	1	0	0	0	0

SAINT LOUIS

	6	7	8	9
STEINITZ	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
ZUKERTORT	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0

NEW ORLEANS

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
STEINITZ	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	12½
ZUKERTORT	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	7½

The time limit was determined as 30 moves in 2 hours, followed by another 15 moves in each subsequent hour. For the first time in chess history, a demonstration board measuring approximately 1 metre square was erected above the players, so that the spectators could follow the game while seated. Play commenced on January 11, 1886 at 14.00 hours, in the Cartiers Academy Hall, No. 80, Fifth Avenue, New York City.

After four wins of one player, which happened after the first five games, the venue switched to Saint Louis for a further four.

With the match result still in the balance (4 : 4, with one draw), the concluding chapter was played in New Orleans, by which time Zukertort was said to be living on his wits, physically fatigued and approaching mental breakdown.

Steinitz, on the other hand, appeared to be playing more robustly, with a bottomless pit of mental stamina. His strategic mastery quickly took control of the match and he wrapped things up with a further six wins, four draws and just one defeat. The final game ended on March 29, 1886 when Zukertort tendered his resignation and congratulated the new World Champion.

In the aftermath, it was apparent that Zukertort's play had been overly impulsive; he had regularly taken half the time of Steinitz and it is likely that this was connected to a heart condition he had carried since childhood. In actual fact, two years later Zukertort died of a heart attack.

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Steinitz, William - Zukertort, Johannes Hermann
Wch 1 USA (m/6), 1886

Johannes Zukertort

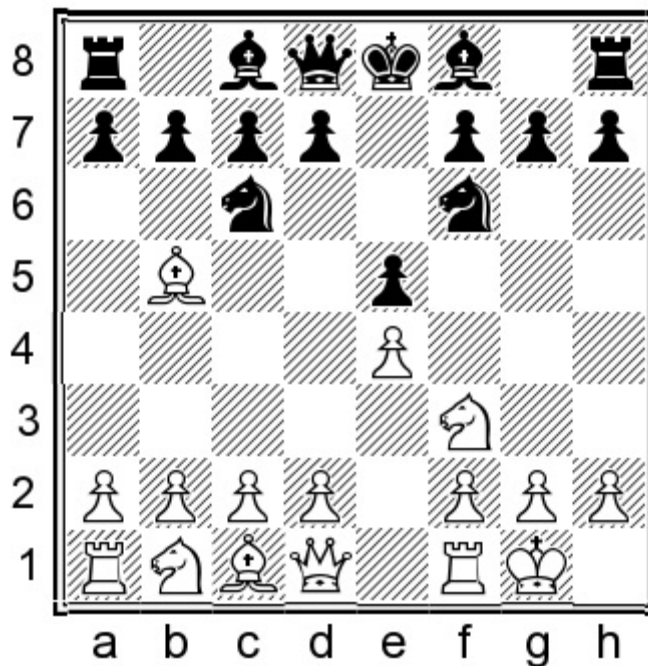
1.e4 Zukertort was leading 4 : 1 and Steinitz had a mountain to climb. The game we will analyse was very important for him to stop the losing streak and to try to reduce the score.

1...e5 2.♘f3

Steinitz deviates from his beloved 2.♘c3 followed by f4 line.

2...♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O





4...♟xe4 Long before Kramnik we have the Berlin Defence on the board!

5.♞e1 ♟d6 6.♟xe5 ♟xe5 7.♞xe5+ ♞e7 8.♟c3 O-O 9.♞d3 ♞f6 10.♞e3 g6 11.b3 Black does not have any problems after the opening but he must find the right plan.

11...♞e8

11...b6 Had Black played that move maybe the history of chess would have been different! **12.♞b2 ♞b7=;**

11...♞e8 12.♞a3 d6 13.♞e2 ♟g7=

12.♞f3 ♞g5? 13.♞xe8+

13.♞b2 ♞xe3 14.fxe3 c6 15.♞f1+-

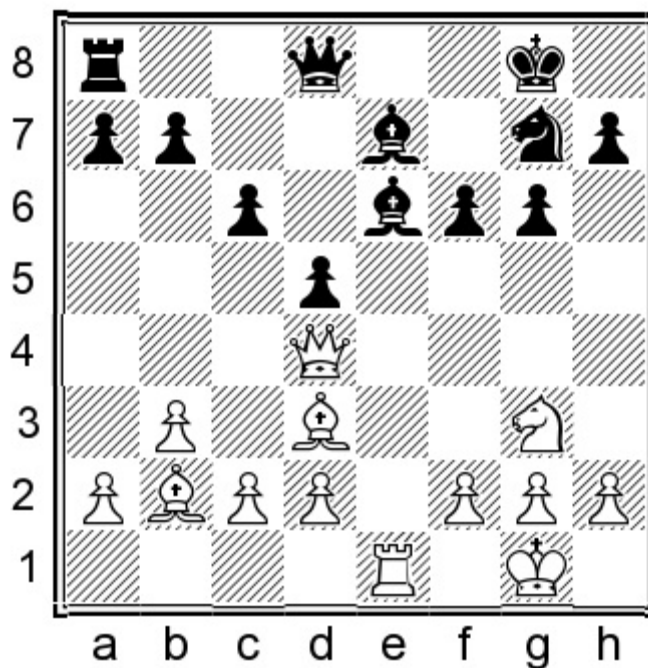
13...♟xe8 14.♞b2 Maybe Black thought that he had time for c6 and d5 but White found a good idea to grab the initiative.

14...c6 15.♟e4 ♞e7 16.♞e3 d5 17.♞d4 f6 18.♟g3 ♞e6

18...♞b6 19.♞f4 ♞d6 20.♞h4 ♞b4 21.♞xf6 ♟xf6 22.♞xf6 ♞f4 23.♞xf4 ♞xf4±

19.♞e1 ♟g7 Black is trying to consolidate his position and he needs two more moves to finish his development. What can White do to create something substantial?

19...c5 20.♞e3 ♟g7



20.h4! ♖d7 21.h5 ♙f7 22.hxg6 Now it is not so simple to defend everything that is threatened.

22...♙xg6

22...hxg6 23.♙h4 ♜e8 24.♞e3 ♖d6 25.♙h6 d4 26.♞e4+-

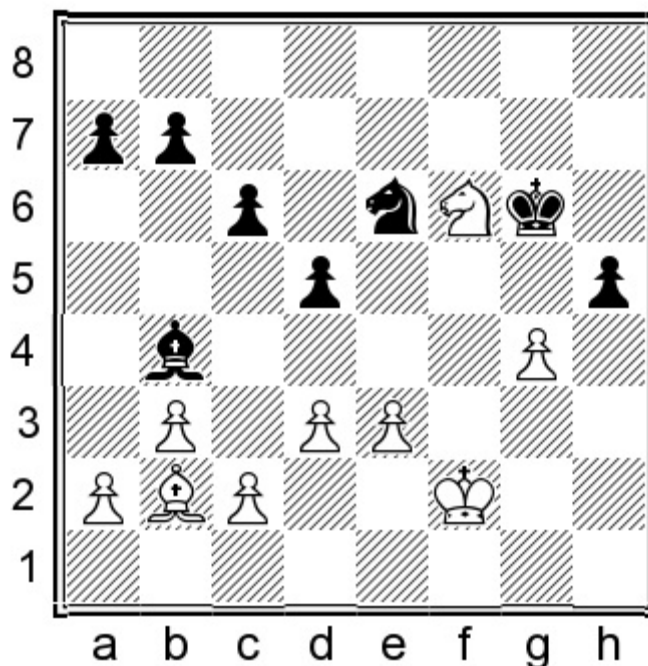
23.♞e3 ♙f7 24.♙f4 ♜e8 25.♞e3 ♙e6?

25...♙d8 Black needs to activate the rook and to reduce the material. 26.♞f3 ♜e1+ 27.♙h2 ♙e6
28.♙h4 d4=

**26.♙g4 ♙f8 27.♙f5 ♙c5 28.♙h6+ ♙g7 29.♙f5+ ♙f7 30.♙h6+ ♙g7 31.♙f5+ ♙f7 32.♙h6+ ♙g7
33.♙f5+ ♙f7 34.♙h6+ ♙g7** At that time there was no rule about the repetition of moves.

35.♙xg6 ♙xg4 36.♙xg4 ♜xe3 37.fxe3 ♙xg6 38.♙xf6 White has an extra pawn and good chance to win the game.

38...♙b4 39.d3 ♙e6 40.♙f2 h5 41.g4



41...h4? It is very hard to explain why should Black keep the pawns. Surely, he cannot think that his pawn is more dangerous of the two.

41...hxg4 42.♖xg4 ♜f5 and it is not easy to win with all the pawns being located on one side of the board.

42.♖h5 ♜d6 43.♜g2 c5

43...♖g5 44.♖f4+-

44.♜f6 ♖g5 45.♜xg5 ♜xg5 46.♜h3 ♜e5 47.♖f4 d4 48.♖e6+ ♜f6 49.exd4 cxd4 50.♖c5 ♜g5 51.♖xb7 ♜f4 52.♖a5 ♜f6 53.♖c6 ♜e3 54.♖xa7 ♜d2 55.♖c6 ♜xc2 56.a4 ♜xd3 57.♖b4+ ♜e2 58.a5 ♜e7 59.♖d5 ♜f3 60.♖xe7 d3 61.♖d5 1-0

Game 3 - The Tide is Turning

The score is now 4 : 2 and Zukertort playing with white pieces has a chance to at least keep the lead. Will he play it safe or in a more attacking manner?

E57
Zukertort, Johannes Hermann - Steinitz, William
Wch 1 USA (m/7), 1886

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♖c3 ♖f6 4.e3 Closing the bishop is not so great, but of course, it is possible.

4...c5 5.♖f3 ♖c6 6.a3 dxc4 7.♜xc4 cxd4 8.exd4 ♜e7 After all the opening wanderings game has deviated to more familiar position in which White has an isolated pawn, but has much more active pieces.

9.O-O O-O 10.♜e3

10.d5 exd5 11.♘xd5 is possible if White wants to get rid of the pawn.

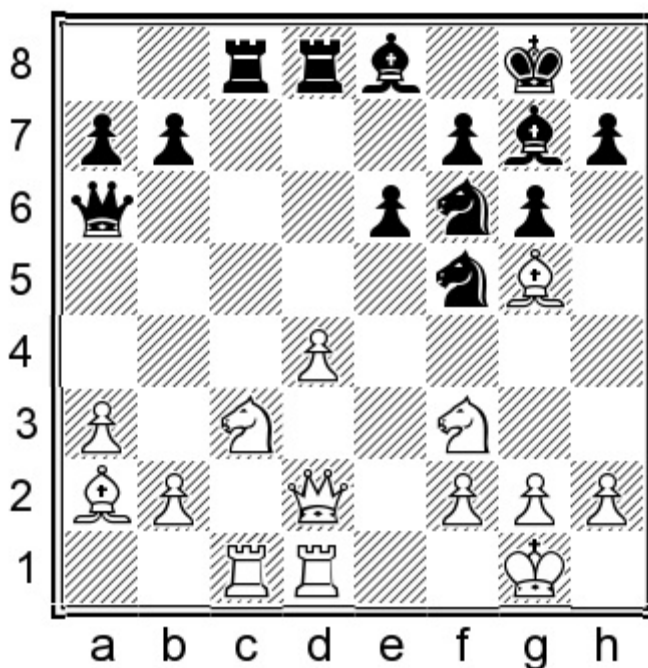
10...♙d7

10...a6 11.♖c1 b5 12.♙a2 ♙b7 looks a bit more active for Black.

11.♙d3 ♜c8 12.♝ac1 ♚a5 13.♙a2 This is nowadays a standard plan where White intends to make a battery on the b1-h7 diagonal.

13...♞fd8 14.♞fe1 ♙e8 15.♙b1 g6 16.♞e2 ♙f8 17.♞ed1 Now comes the waiting phase of the game.

17...♙g7 18.♙a2 ♞e7 19.♙d2 ♚a6 20.♙g5 ♞f5



21.g4 A very risky move, which shows that Zukertort wanted to win this game at any cost.

21.d5 exd5 22.♙xf6 ♞xf6 23.♞xd5 ♚d6 24.♝xc8 ♝xc8=

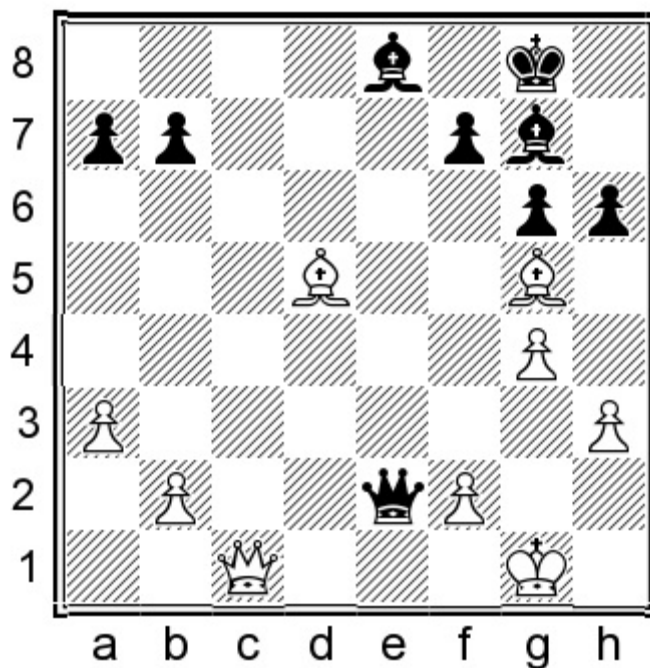
21...♞xd4

21...♞xg4 22.♙xd8 ♝xd8 23.♞f4 ♞f6 24.d5=

22.♞xd4 e5 Here the game shifts to an endgame where the chances are pretty even.

23.♞d5 ♝xc1 24.♞xc1 exd4 25.♝xd4 ♞xd5 26.♝xd5 ♝xd5 27.♙xd5 It looks like White is more active but he also has weak pawns.

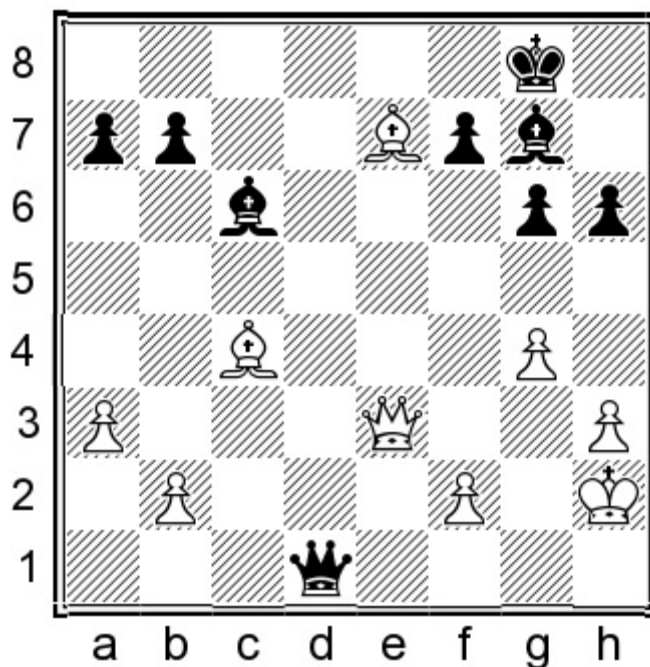
27...♞e2 28.h3 h6



29.♔c4?? There is no need for tactics as White simply has to trade the queens and be completely safe.

29.♕d2 ♖xd2 30.♔xd2=

29...♖f3 30.♕e3 ♖d1+ 31.♔h2 ♔c6 32.♔e7



32...♔e5+! Most likely, Zukertort missed this powerful resource.

33.f4 ♔xf4+ 34.♖xf4 ♖h1+ 35.♔g3 ♖g1+ 0-1

Under the Cuban Sun

The World Chess Championship 1889 was the second official World Chess Championship, between

the Champion Wilhelm Steinitz and Mikhail Chigorin.

It took place in La Habana, Cuba. Steinitz successfully defended his world title, by being the first of the two players to reach 10½. He won the match 10½ : 6½.

When the dust had settled on Steinitz victorious clash with Zukertort in 1886, the Austrian was widely acknowledged as having reached the pinnacle of world chess and yet, there was no international organisation with whom he could register the formal title of World Champion.

THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1889 The Second Official Match

LA HABANA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
CHIGORIN	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	½	6½
STEINITZ	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	½	10½

Mikhail Chigorin

Neither was there any authoritative body or forum that would choose him a worthy challenger. If Steinitz had a period of popularity, then it was short-lived. For pretty soon there was a growing number of chess players turning against him, either because of his strategic method of play, or because of his personality. The public had previously championed Zukertort and before him, Morphy; two men with an abundance of charisma and fiery chessboard skills to match.



In comparison, the new champion's endorsement of a passive, positional style was, for many, unpalatable. Steinitz had developed a wonderful understanding of "attack and defence" and was able to sit back and invite his opponents to attack him. All too often they were tempted into unjustified onslaughts, which he would parry with remarkable ease, ultimately repelling the invading forces with defensive play of great dexterity. When he had the initiative, he would inflict imperceptible weaknesses on his opponent's structure, stifling their middlegame and endgame survival prospects. His methods, though successful, were unfortunately not spectacular enough to win public support and many of his critics refused to believe that swashbuckling, "blood and guts" chess could be so readily dismissed.

On occasion, Steinitz took his strategy too far, by adopting absurdly passive formations that over-stretched his defensive capabilities, or left him with insufficient opportunity for counterplay. When he lost in this manner, it renewed the faith of those who craved a return to attacking chess.

The time was therefore right to speculate on who might de-throne Steinitz and the La Habana Chess Club charged themselves with the task. They invited Steinitz to play in Cuba against a challenger of his own choosing. This was the way such matters were conducted prior to 1914; the incumbent champion having final say over the challenger, venue, playing conditions - just about everything. His poor record against Mikhail Chigorin in previous tournament meetings meant that the Russian had good credentials and Steinitz was ready to show that he feared no one.

Chigorin was generally toppling everyone in his path and so the announcement of a match between the two met with universal approval. Of added interest was the pitting of Chigorin's old-fashioned, "bludgeoning" style against Steinitz new teachings.

Commentators saw it as a match between the "Romantic" and "Modern" Schools of chess. Chigorin accepted the match conditions and the bookmakers began to take wagers on the outcome. It quickly became apparent that in spite of the public's dissatisfaction with Steinitz, they still believed him to be overwhelmingly the best player. The pre-match betting receipts showed that \$52.000 had been placed on Steinitz, compared with a mere \$900 on Chigorin. The match was played in Havana, between January 20 and February 24, 1889. The total prize fund for the contestants was a disappointing \$1.150, the smallest prize fund of all the world championship encounters.

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Chigorin, Mikhail - Steinitz, William
Wch 2 La Habana (m/5), 1889

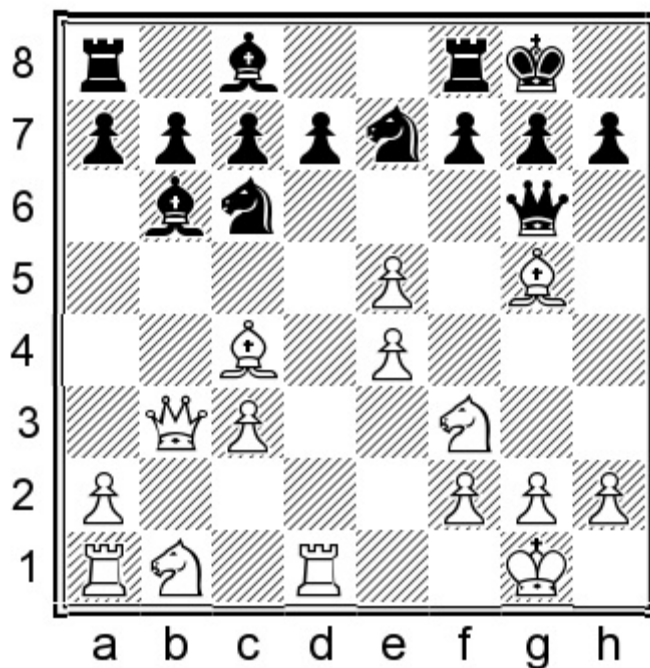
1.e4 Remarkably, White players won the first 4 games! So, let us see what happened in game 5 of the La Habana match.

1...e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.b4 Chigorin loved to play the Evans Gambit and Steinitz was very stubborn in repeating his lines even if they often looked bad. He just had the immense belief in his own chess prowess.

4...♙xb4 5.c3 ♙a5 6.O-O ♖f6 7.d4 ♘ge7 8.♙g5

Better is **8.d5 ♘d8 9.♖a4±**

8...♖d6 9.♖b3 O-O 10.♞d1 ♙b6 11.dxe5 ♖g6 Black managed to get away without any casualties planning the d6-pawn break next.



12. ♔a3? The first blunder, but not the last.

12. ♘bd2=

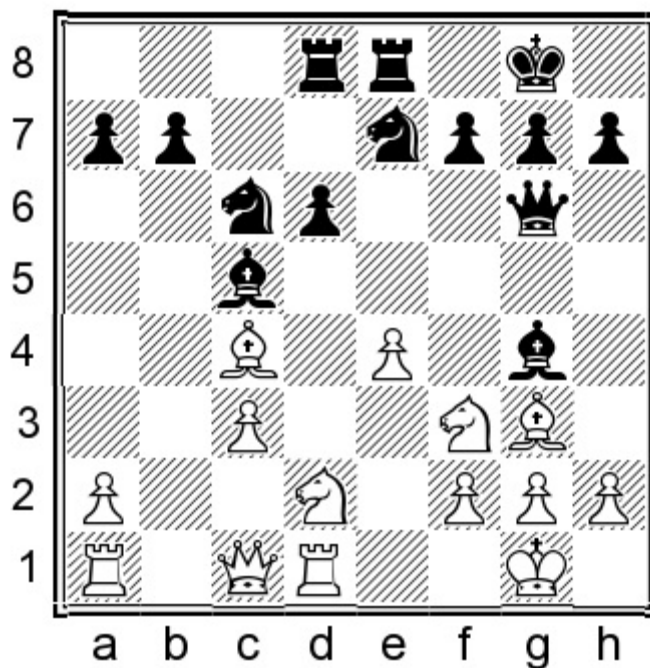
12... ♖e8

12... ♘xe5! Curiously, both players missed that simple tactic! 13. ♘xe5 (13. ♔xe7 ♘xc4-+) 13... ♔xg5

13. ♘bd2 d6 14. exd6 cxd6 15. ♙f4 ♙c5 16. ♔c1

16. ♔b2 ♙g4 17. ♙g3±

16... ♙g4 17. ♙g3 ♖ad8 The position is equal and White only has to pay attention to the pin.



18.h3??

18.♖e1=

18...♙xf3 19.♘xf3 ♚xg3 Well, it turns out there was another pin!

20.♔h1 ♚g6 21.♞d3 ♚f6 22.♚d2 ♘g6 23.♘g5 ♘ce5 24.♞f3 ♘xf3 25.♙xf7+ ♚xf7 26.gxf3 ♚c4 0-1

The Champion Reigns Supreme

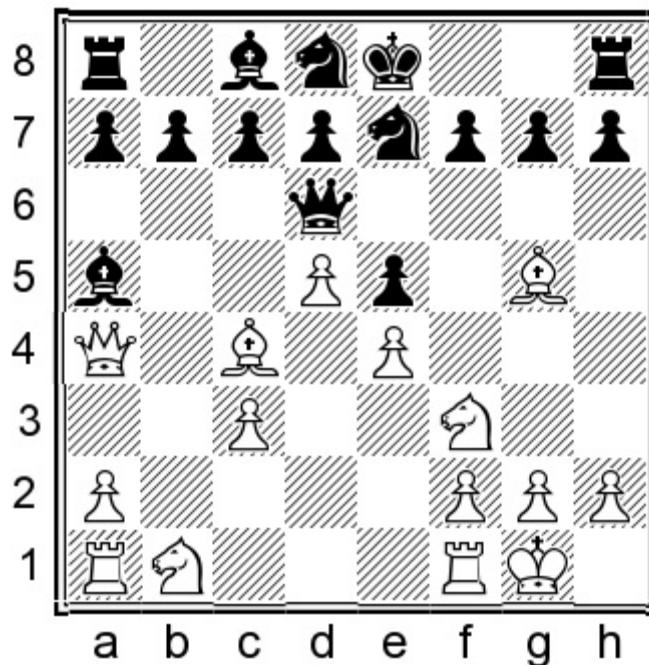
Chigorin won games 6 and 7 but lost the following one in this duel of so many decisive games. Game 9 proved to be extremely important.

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Chigorin, Mikhail - Steinitz, William
Wch 2 La Habana (m/9), 1889

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.b4 ♙xb4 5.c3 ♙a5 6.O-O ♚f6 7.d4 ♘ge7 8.♙g5 ♚d6 9.d5 This time Chigorin comes to be board well-prepared.

9...♘d8 10.♚a4 On the other hand, it seems that the Champion did not prepare the best defence.



10...b6?

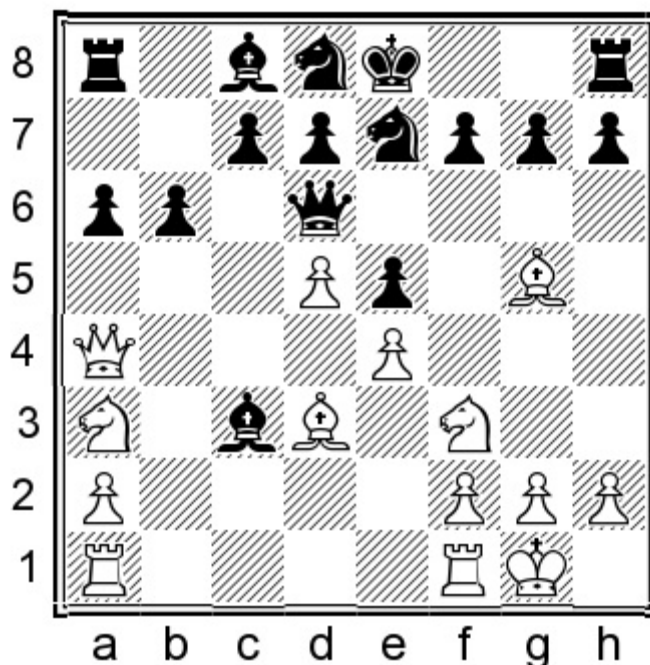
10...f6=

11.♘a3 a6??

11...c6 is the only way not to lose the game. 12.♙f4

12.♙b3? Missing a great chance!

12.♔d3! ♕xc3



(12...♖c5 13.♗ac1 ♘g6 14.♕xd8 ♔xd8 15.♘c4±) 13.♗ab1! This is the key. Suddenly, the queen is in great danger. 13...f6 14.♘c4 ♖c5 15.♕e3 b5 16.♕xc5 bxa4 17.♗fc1+-

12...♕xc3 13.♗ac1 ♖b4 14.♘b5?

14.♗xc3 the only chance to play for a win was 14...♖xc3 15.d6 cxd6 16.♘c4 and Black would have to find some strong moves to survive the assault. 16...f6! 17.♕d2 ♖d3 18.♖a3 ♘f7 19.♘xd6+ ♘xd6 20.♕f7+ ♘xf7 21.♖xd3=

14...♖xb5 15.♖xb5 axb5 16.♗xc3 c5 17.dxc6 ♘dxc6 18.♕xe7? Chigorin clearly believes that he can hold the endgame. However, he should have keep that bishop!

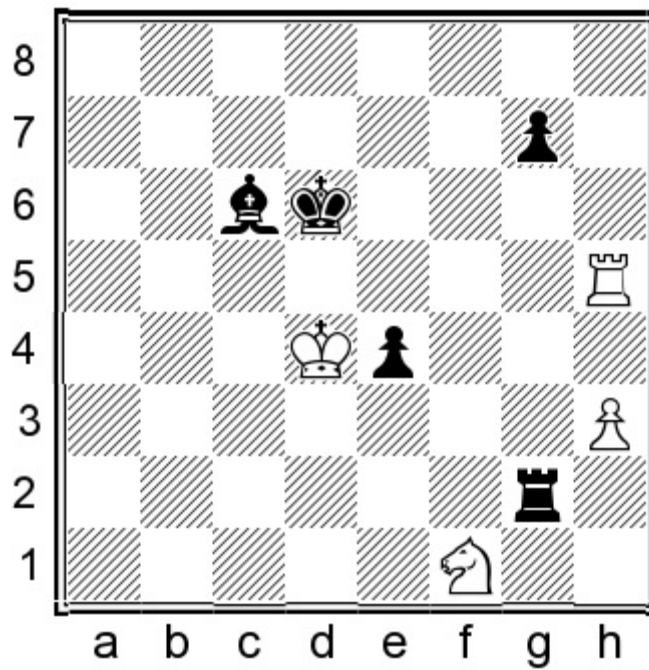
18.♕e3 ♖a6 19.♗d1=

18...♕xe7 19.♕d5 f6 20.♕xc6 dxc6 21.♗xc6 ♕d7 22.♗xb6 ♖hb8

22...♗xa2 23.♗b7 ♗d8 was also fine but White have some initiative nevertheless. 24.♘d2

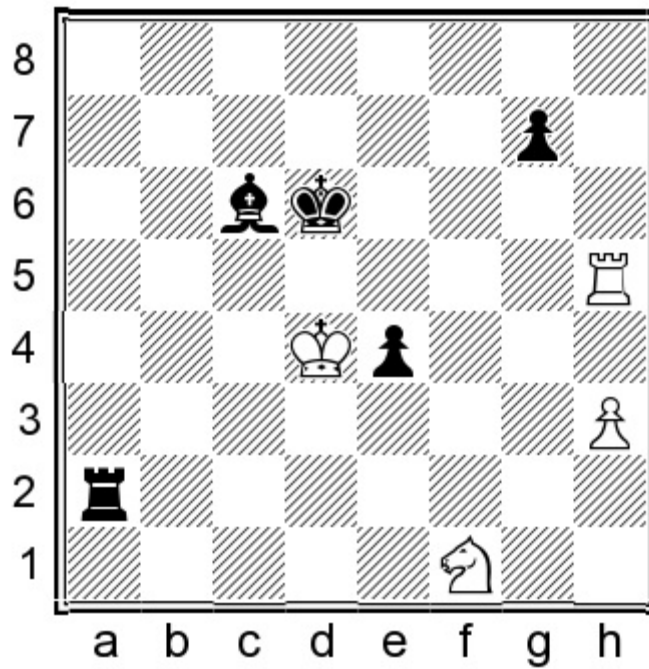
23.♗xb8 ♗xb8 24.♗b1 ♕c6 The position looks pretty decent for White, but actually he can not hold both pawns.

25.♗e1 ♖a8 26.♗e2 ♖a4 27.♗b2 ♗xe4 28.h3 ♔d6 29.♘d2 ♖a4 30.f3 f5 31.♔f2 ♖a3 32.♘b1 ♗d3 33.♔e2 e4 34.♘d2 ♖a3 35.fxe4 fxe4 36.♘b1 ♗g3 37.♔f2 ♗d3 38.♔e2 h5 39.♘d2 ♗g3 40.♔f2 ♖a3 41.♘f1 ♕d5 42.♗xb5 ♖xa2+ 43.♔e3 ♗xg2 44.♔d4 ♕c6 45.♗xh5



45...Rf2??

45...Rf2 46.Ke3 Rf2+-+

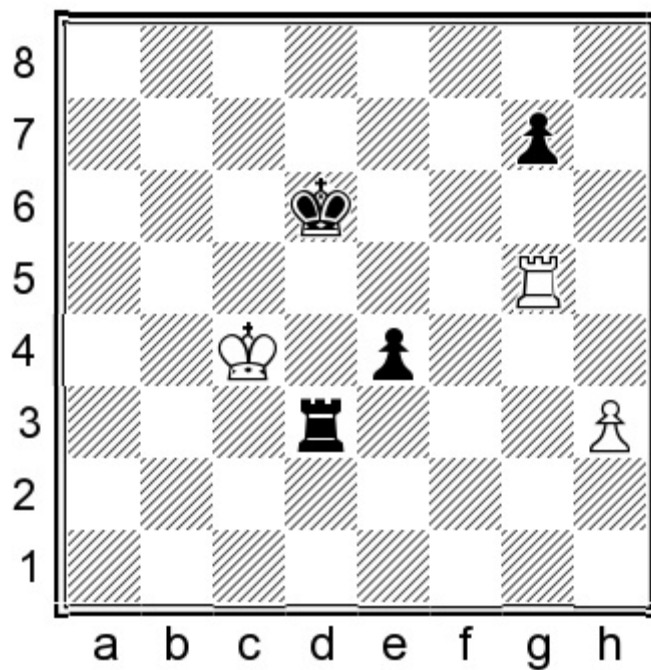


Unfortunately, after all the hard work Black missed the win.

46.Ke3?? Alas, White blunders as well!

46.Rg5= was essential.

46...Rd2+ 47.Kc4 Rd7 48.Rg5 Re6+ 49.Kb4 Rd4+ 50.Kb5 Rd3 51.Nc4+ Rxc4+ 52.Kxc4



52...♖d1! Finally, the World Champion demonstrates great endgame technique, thus sealing the victory! **53.♖xg7 e3 54.♖b7 ♕e5 55.♕c3 ♕e4 56.♕c2 ♖f1 0-1**

ROGERS' REMINISCENCES

The Past is a Foreign Country

By GM Ian Rogers

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

Reggio Emilia 1984/85

In 1958 50-year-old Enrico Paoli decided to host a tournament over the New Year period in his post-war home town of Reggio Emilia, a small city 150 kms southeast of Milan with a population of a quarter of a million.

Paoli was a multilingual International Master - with previous work as sailor, businessman and teacher also on his CV - who had won the Italian Championship in his home town a year earlier. By 1958 Paoli was transitioning from being primarily a player, and two months after his title win, helped to organise and host Mihail Tal on the Reggio Emilia leg of his Italian tour.

Although this was the last visit by a top Soviet player to Reggio Emilia until 1976, Paoli maintained excellent connections with other Warsaw Pact countries (which ranged from Bulgaria in the south to East Germany and Poland in the north). From 1960 onward Paoli always managed to secure at least one strong player from behind the Iron Curtain, plus regular invitees from neighbouring Jugoslaviya.

Paoli was a complete gentleman and an exceptional, albeit eccentric, tournament organiser. From 1958 until the late 1980s, Paoli organised the Reggio Emilia tournament almost single-handedly.

"His naivety was his strength," said *Torre & Cavallo* editor Roberto Messa. "He believed - with humility! - that he could learn and do everything by himself: like organising an international tournament alone or introducing himself and speaking to any strong Grandmaster in their mother tongue." (It was claimed that Paoli taught himself Russian by audio cassette aged 70, but he already had basic Russian (and German, English and other languages) by then.)

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Paoli also tried to shape every detail of the event he was hosting. If Paoli desired a time limit of 50 moves in 3 hours, there could be no argument. If the tournament was to have a single rest day, Paoli decided that it should be the day before the last round, after 10 consecutive games. Paoli wanted a very early last round, so an 8am start was decreed. (In the 1983/84 tournament, the second round was scheduled for Christmas Day(!?), which in a country such as Italy led to rather fewer Reggiani watching the games than usual!)

The Only Way is Up

By 1984/85 the round robin tournament in Reggio Emilia was becoming one of the world's strongest. This was primarily because in 1982/83 the *Banco di San Prospero e San Geminiano*, based in nearby Modena, had begun sponsoring the tournament.

The bank simply asked Paoli to increase the FIDE category of the event each year, and they would increase their financial contribution to make this possible. Although Paoli explained that the bank's plan would soon result in no Italian players being high enough rated to play, the bank associated category with prestige and persisted. (From 1983/84 an International Master group was added by Paoli to give Italian players some opportunities.)

Banco di San Prospero e San Geminiano reached its ultimate aim in 1991/92 by sponsoring an event with 9 Soviet-born players plus Anand - a category 18 tournament, the highest possible at the time. After that epic tournament, won by Anand ahead of Kasparov and Gelfand, the only way was down and the sponsorship ended soon afterwards.

The bank's influence was certainly being felt when the 27th Reggio Emilia tournament began at the venerable *Sala Verdi del Teatro Ariosto* in December 1984. Paoli, needing to bring the tournament's average rating over 2526 to create a category 12 tournament, had invited the world's number three and four - Jan Timman and Lajos Portisch - plus three others from the world's top 25 - Vlastimil Hort, Andras Adorjan and Tony Miles (who had just fallen out of the top 10). There was only one Italian player - Bela Toth. (Toth, as Paoli had predicted, was to be the last Italian to play in the A group until after the 1991/92 event.)

Indeed Timman and Portisch were the highest rated players available since at that time Karpov and Kasparov were only three months into their epic first world title match - *The Unfinished*.

"How can such a field have an average of only 2537?", the modern reader might ask. Well, in those days, before serious rating inflation, a rating above 2600 would almost always be good enough for a top 10 ranking. (This meant that achieving a Grandmaster norm in 1984 involved playing to a level of the top 10, rather than the top 250 as today.)

For example, Timman had reached world number 3 with a rating of 2650, having only Kasparov and Karpov - both rated just over 2700 - above him. With a 2537 average, Reggio Emilia 1984/85 was one of Italy's strongest tournaments since the Second World War and the sixth strongest of the year 1984. (Remarkably, Miles played all six of them!)

REGGIO EMILIA, XII 1984 – I 1985 The 27th Reggio Emilia tournament

cat. XII (2537) g=7 m=4½

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	Lajos PORTISCH	g 2640	■	1	1	½	1	1	0	1	½	½	½	½	7½	1
2	Vlastimil HORT	g 2605	0	■	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6½	2–3
3	Jan TIMMAN	g 2650	0	½	■	½	0	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	6½	2–3
4	András ADORJÁN	g 2580	½	0	½	■	½	1	1	0	1	½	½	½	6	4–6
5	Bela TOTH	m 2410	0	½	1	½	■	½	1	0	½	½	1	½	6	4–6
6	Bojan KURAJICA	g 2530	0	½	0	0	½	■	1	1	½	1	½	1	6	4–6
7	Ian ROGERS	m 2475	1	½	½	0	0	0	■	½	½	½	1	1	5½	7–8
8	Anthony MILES	g 2565	0	½	0	1	1	0	½	■	1	½	0	1	5½	7–8
9	Eric LOBRON	g 2495	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	■	½	1	½	5	9
10	Karel MOKRÝ	g 2485	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	■	0	½	4½	10–11
11	Božidar IVANOVIĆ	g 2515	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	1	0	1	■	1	4½	10–11
12	C. GARCÍA PALERMO	m 2500	½	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	0	■	2½	12

Chess Heaven

For me to be invited to Reggio Emilia in 1984 was a pleasant surprise. The invitation came late, while I was competing in a Grandmaster tournament in Sardinia in mid December.

I was a mere International Master and only Toth and the 1983/84 winner, Czechoslovakia's Karel

Mokry, were lower rated invitees, yet I received free hotel and food at the Hotel Posta, with Cathy also being given the same in exchange for typing up the bulletins every night.

I had attributed my invitation to my nationality - an Australian was a novelty for European tournaments in those days - as well as the fact that I had performed respectably in Reggio Emilia 1983/84, when Boris Spassky and John Nunn were the stars.

However Paoli, in an article about the tournament entitled "A Road Covered With Thorns", later explained that he was desperate after a series of late withdrawals. One dropout, just a week before the tournament began, enabled my compatriot Darryl Johansen to compete in, and almost win, the International Master tournament.

The 1983/84 Reggio Emilia tournament 12 months earlier had been an eye-opener for me. Brought up on open tournaments, I began learning of the luxuries available at top level round-robin tournaments, most notably the amazing and almost unlimited Italian food on offer every day. Add to that the chance to chat to legends like Spassky across the dinner table, hearing tales of life after his match with Fischer and his run-ins with the KGB. For a young Australian IM Reggio Emilia was chess heaven.

I arrived in Reggio Emilia, after a short train trip from Milan, on Christmas Day in 1984. (Paoli had decided against another Christmas Day round and this time the tournament began on December 27.)

The early shock of the tournament was Miles' three consecutive losses to start the event. Portisch's brilliant third round win was particularly convincing and gave the Hungarian a lead which he never relinquished.



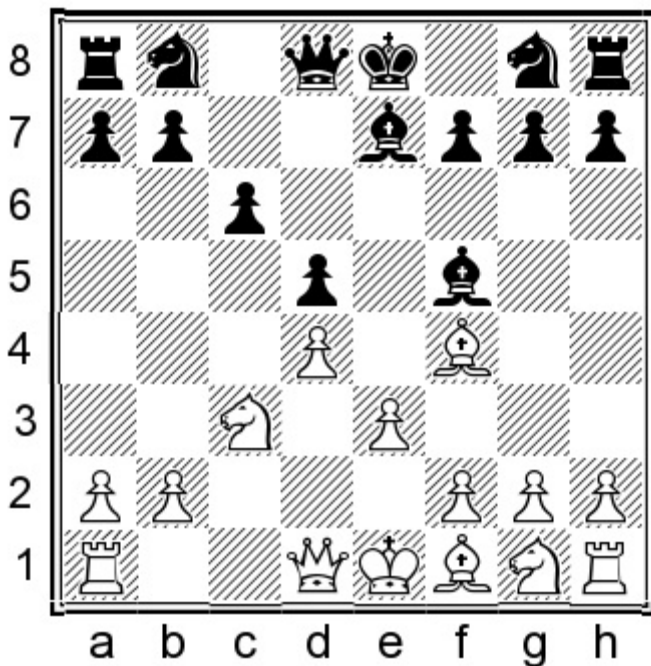
TEATRO ARIOSTO, sede della manifestazione



D31
Miles, Anthony (2565) - Portisch, Lajos (2640)
Reggio Emilia, 1984

Anthony Miles; Photo by Cathy Rogers

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗e7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♗f4 c6 6.e3 ♗f5



7.g4 The ambitious try used three times by Botvinnik in his unsuccessful World Championship match against Petrosian and now the main line.

7...♗g6

7...♗e6 is more usual.

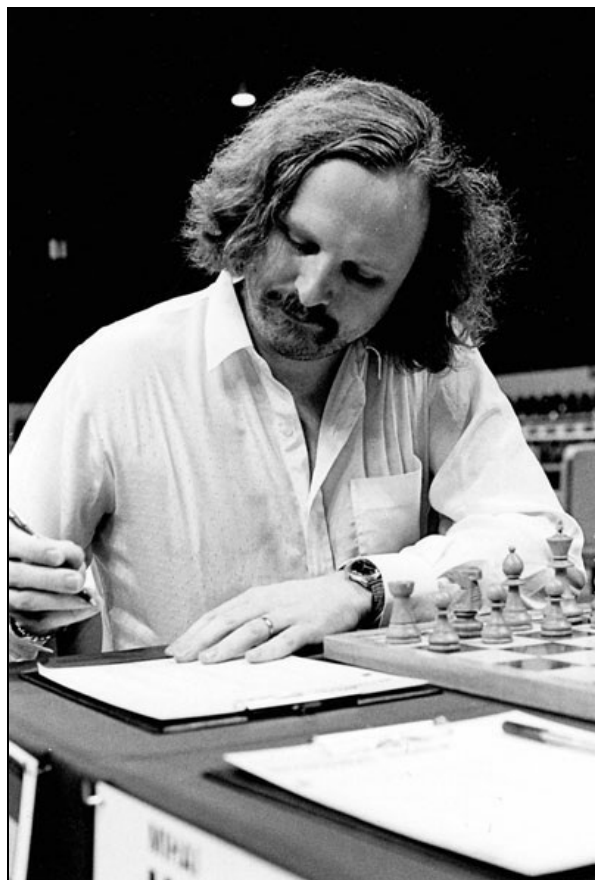
8.h4 h5

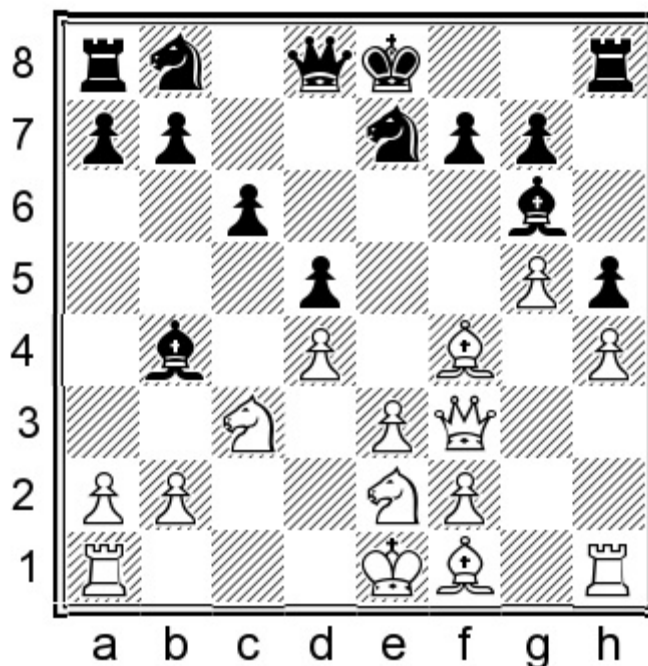
8...♗xh4?! has long been known to be dangerous after 9.♕b3 b6 10.♖f3 ♗e7 11.♗e5 with strong pressure for the pawn.

9.g5 ♗d6 10.♕f3!? Very ambitious, and not bad, despite the course this game takes.

10.♗ge2 and 10.♗h3 are more often played, for good reason.

10...♗e7 11.♗ge2 ♗b4!?





12.O-O-O? However this is asking for trouble.

12.♙h3! is quite playable, since 12...♙e4 13.♚g3 ♙xh1? loses to 14.♙c7.

12...b5! 13.a3!? Weakening the queenside just offers targets for Black.

But after 13.♙h3 O-O White is still short of useful moves.

13...♙a5 14.b4 Desperate, but any other move allows 14...b4.

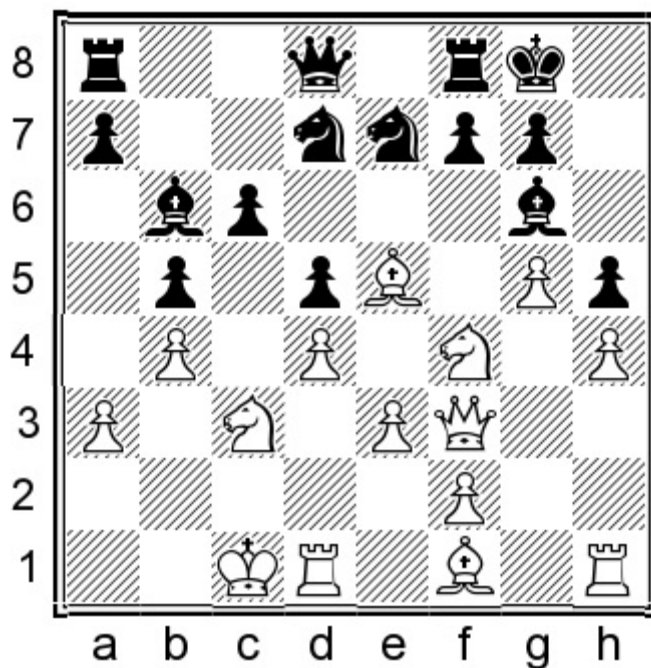
14...♙b6?!

Clearly Black stands very well after the text move, but 14...♙xb4!! 15.axb4 a5 would most likely have led to Portisch winning a miniature: Black's attack is already overwhelming,

15.♙e5 O-O 16.♙h3?! This turns out to be too slow.

White needed to try

16.♘f4 with the idea that after 16...♘d7?!



White has (16...♙c7! 17.♘xh5 ♙xe5 18.dxe5 ♚c7 19.♘xg7! is also messy.) 17.♙xg7!! ♔xg7 18.♘xh5+ ♙xh5 19.♚xh5 ♖h8 20.♚f3 with a continuing attack. At least in these lines White has counterplay, whereas after the text move Black's attack can continue unopposed.

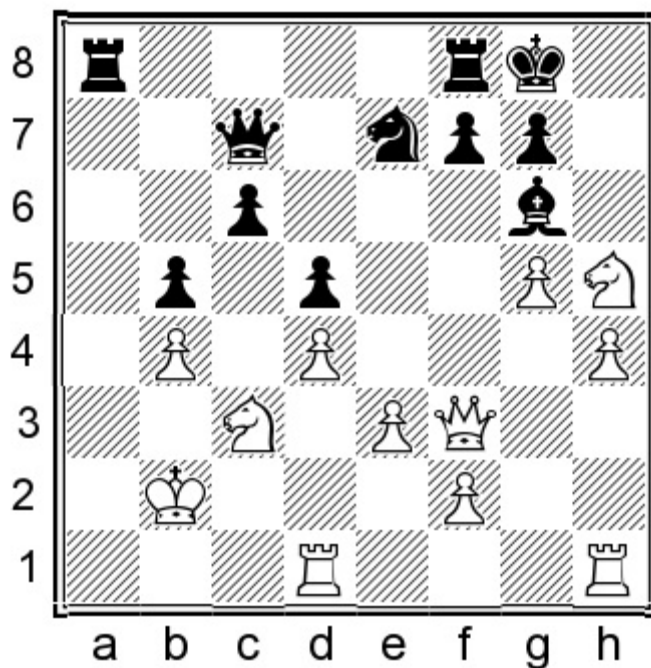
16...♘d7

16...a5!, here or on move 18, would be faster.

17.♙xd7 ♚xd7 18.♘g3 ♙c7 19.♙xc7 ♚xc7 20.♘h5 a5! 21.♕b2 axb4!? Commencing a wonderful combination.

Black had time for 21...♖a7!, since 22.♘f6+ gxf6 23.h5 ♙h7 24.gxf6 ♘f5 is not sound.

22.axb4



22...c5!!

Not for Portisch the boring (though effective) 22...♘c8

23.dxc5

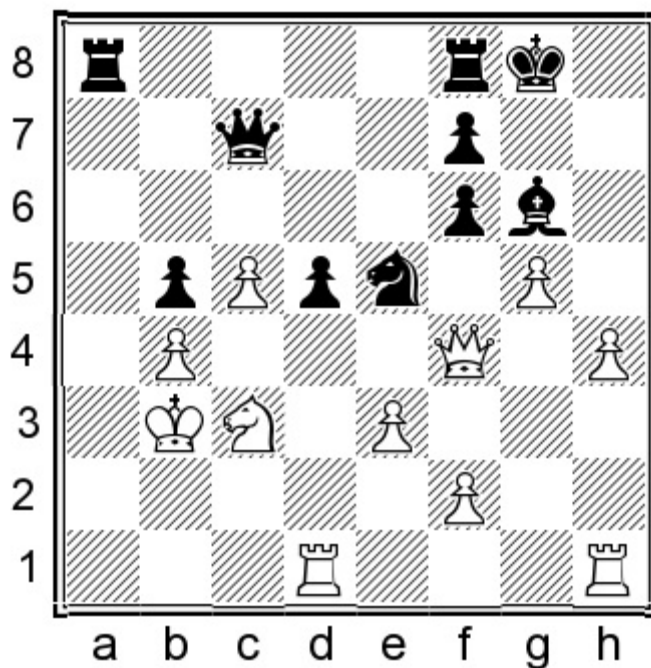
23.♙f4 ♙b7! does not change much.

23...♘c6! Suddenly Black has the deadly threat of ...Nc6-e5-c4, forcing mate.

24.♙f4 ♘e5 25.♘f6+!? The best practical chance.

25.♘xd5 ♙a7 26.♖a1 ♘d3+ leads to a lost endgame a piece down.

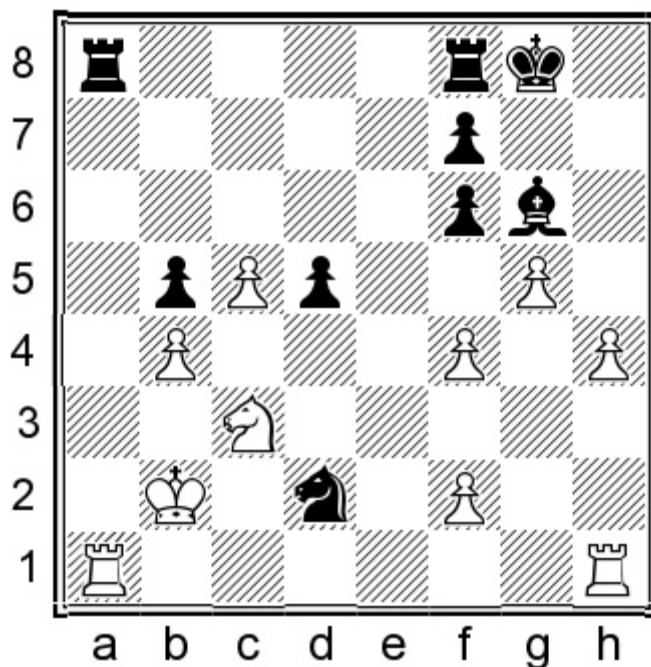
25...gxf6 26.♙b3



26...dxc4! 27. Ra1

27. Qxc7 allows 27...Ra3#

27...Qxf4 28. exf4 d2+ 29. Kb2 dxc4+ 30. Kb3 d2+ 31. Kb2



31...Rfd8? Portisch's only serious misstep for the game.

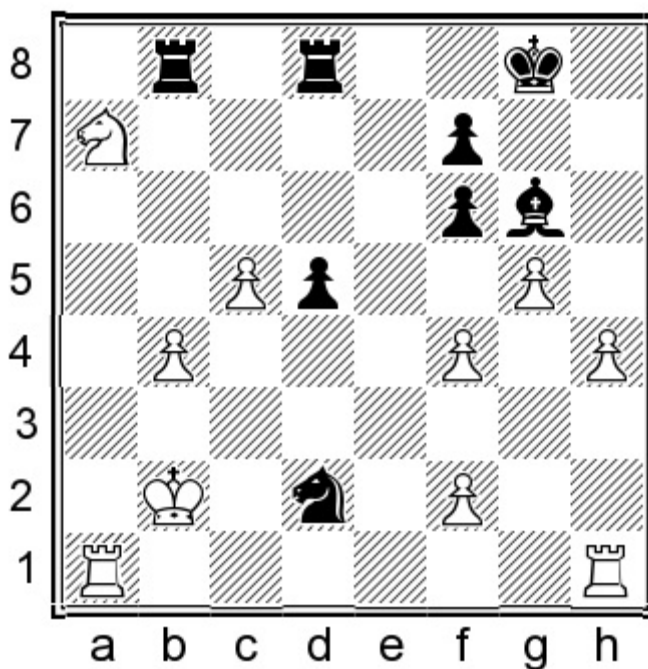
After 31...d4! 32. dxb5 Rb8 White cannot survive.

32. dxb5? Missing the one chance he had been offered.

Miles could have played 32. Rxa8! Rxa8 33. dxb5 Rb8 34. d6! when the b4-pawn is safe and White's

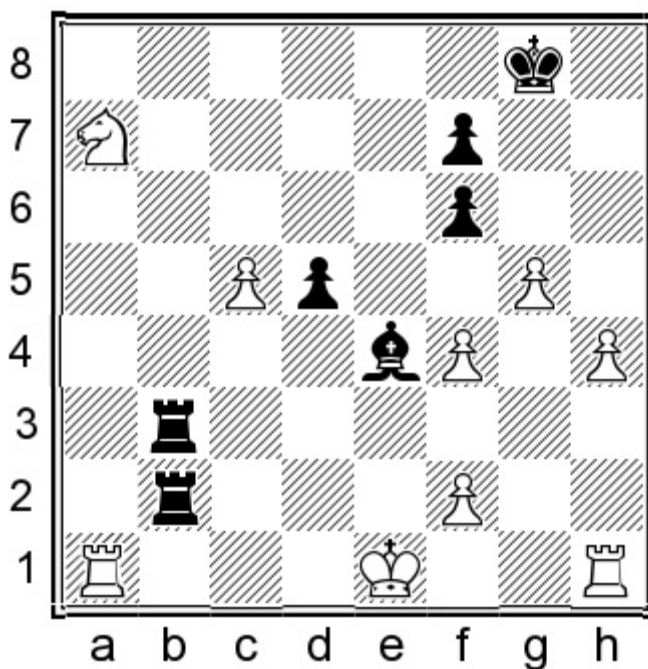
connected passed pawns and threats against the g6-bishop give excellent drawing prospects.

32...♖ab8 33.♘a7



33...♖xb4+!! The attack is more important than the extra piece.

34.♕c3 ♜db8 35.♕xd2 ♜b2+ 36.♕e1 ♜b1+ 37.♕d2 ♜8b2+ 38.♕e3 ♜b3+ 39.♕d2 ♜1b2+ 40.♕e1 ♜e4 The position Portisch had envisaged on move 33 and correctly judged as winning for Black.



41.c6!? Desperation.

41.♞h2 d4 is too easy for Black, while 41.♞g1 loses a piece after 41...♜b1+ 42.♕e2 (42.♕d2 ♜d3+ 43.♕e2 ♜b2+ 44.♕f1 ♜f3 45.♞g2 ♜xf4 46.♞h2 ♜g4 is equally bad.) 42...♜f3+ 43.♕d2 ♜1b2+ 44.♕e1

♖e2+ 45.♙f1 ♖a2! and Black wins the knight on a7.

41...♖c3! 42.f3

42.♖g1 is a slightly better chance, but after 42...d4! 43.gxf6+ ♙h7, 44.♖g7+ ♙h6 45.♖xf7 is impossible due to 45...♖h3, forcing mate.

42...♖e3+ 43.♙f1 ♖xf3+ 44.♙e1 ♖e3+ 45.♙f1 ♙d3+ 0-1

Portisch also regarded himself as something of a mentor for Cathy and myself, advising us that light Australian clothes and shoes might not be adequate for our first European winter. He was right, though New Zealander Murray Chandler managed his first year as a chess professional in Europe, aged 15, without any shoes at all.

RR This game was published in *Chess Informant* 39/484

Paoli's Gambit

At 76 years of age when the 84/85 event was held, Paoli was easily flustered, especially when the tournament did not proceed as he expected.

One day when the bulletins had not appeared for 36 hours, Portisch enquired of Cathy, whom he knew was the bulletin typist, about the delay. She explained that she had given the bulletin to Paoli a day earlier but Paoli denied, to both Portisch and Cathy, receiving the typed pages.

By then Cathy was regretting agreeing to type up the daily bulletins, as every day Paoli found some minor mistake for which to (politely) chastise Cathy. (She was expected to know the names of all the openings in Italian, and distinguish between a Gambetto di D and an Ortodossa.)

Later that day Cathy interrupted the silence in the playing hall with uncontrolled giggling. It turned out that Paoli had found the lost bulletin at his home and, having found no typing errors, still found fault: "Cathy! Yes, you did give me the bulletin, but Cathy! Cathy! you must TELL me when you are giving me the bulletins!"

In round four, while Portisch was moving clear of the field with his third consecutive win, his main rating rival Timman was falling behind with a third consecutive draw, a rare occasion at that point in my career where I won the opening battle against a top player.

These annotations, written immediately after the tournament, fail to mention that in July 1984, Chess Informant published the new edition of their *Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings*, Volume B.

Their recommended line against the Scandinavian Defence was to follow Karpov's win against me, published with annotations by Karpov in the most recent *Chess Informant* (volume 36, which came out 6 months earlier than ECO B).

Given the way information travelled in those days, I could correctly expect that almost all my opponents between July, when I first played the refutation, and January, when the new *Chess*

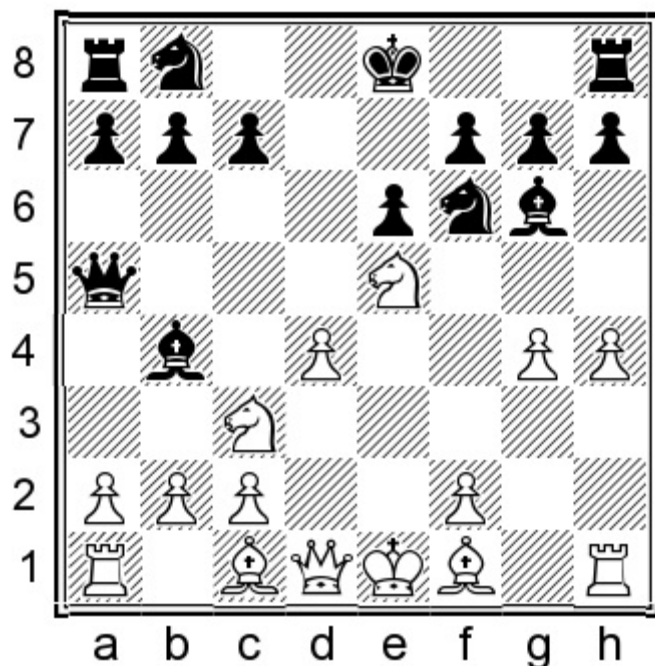
Informant was published, would follow Karpov's example, which according to his notes gave an advantage by force. Timman, on the last day of 1984, was the final sucker who decided to copy Karpov before *Chess Informant* 38 showed the problem with Karpov's line.

B01

Timman, Jan (2650) - Rogers, Ian (2475)

Reggio Emilia 39/151, 1984

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♘c3 ♖a5 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗f3 ♙g4
6.h3 ♙h5 7.g4 ♙g6 8.♗e5 e6 9.h4 ♙b4



Jan Timman; Photo by Cathy Rogers



10.♖h3?! Karpov first thought of this manoeuvre in a game against me during the BBC Mastergame Tournament in 1983. Karpov won that game brilliantly and it was widely published as "The refutation of the Scandinavian". It took an Australian Candidate Master, Milan Grcic, to find the flaw in Karpov's rather artificial idea.

Of course the normal move is 10.♙d2 which should be good enough to give White an edge.

10...♙xc3+! Grcic's move, exploiting the fact that 11.Rc3 loses an exchange to 11...Nd5. Thus 10.Rh3 loses much of its point.

11.bxc3 ♘bd7 12.♗xd7

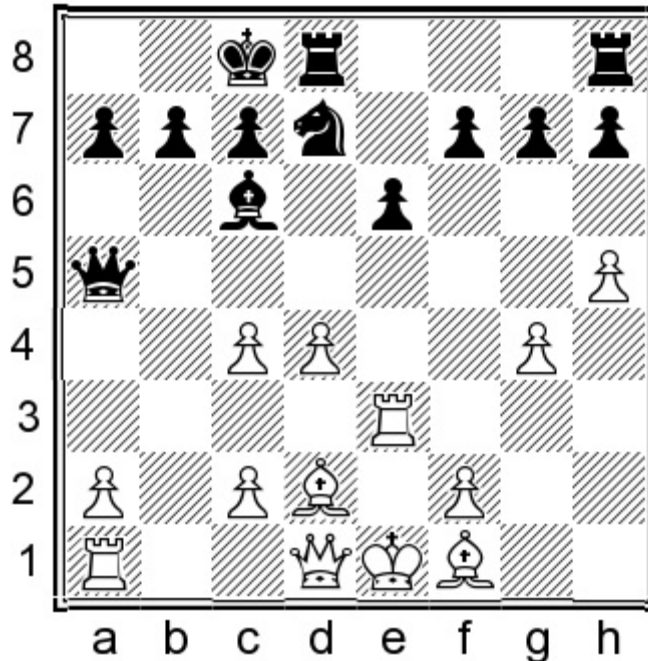
The original game Mescher, Michael - Grcic, Milan, Canberra 1984, continued 12.h5 ♘xe5 13.dxe5 ♖xe5+ 14.♖e3 ♙e4 15.♖e2 ♘d5! ♞ with advantage to Black.

White can also try 12.♗xg6 (Lobron, Eric 2520 - Rogers, Ian 2455, Biel 1984 - 38/139) but after 12...hxg6 13.♖b1 O-O-O! Black's safer king more than compensated for White's bishop pair and Black won.

12...♖xd7 13.h5

More consistent than 13.♙g2, when 13...h5 14.♙xb7 hxg4 15.♙xg4 ♖d8 leaves Black with excellent play for White's meaningless extra pawn.

13...♙e4 14.♙d2 O-O-O 15.♖e3 ♙c6 16.c4



16...♙g5! A surprising escape route for the queen, justified by some surprising tactical points. In particular, none of the 11 discoveries by Whites' rook offer hope for any advantage.

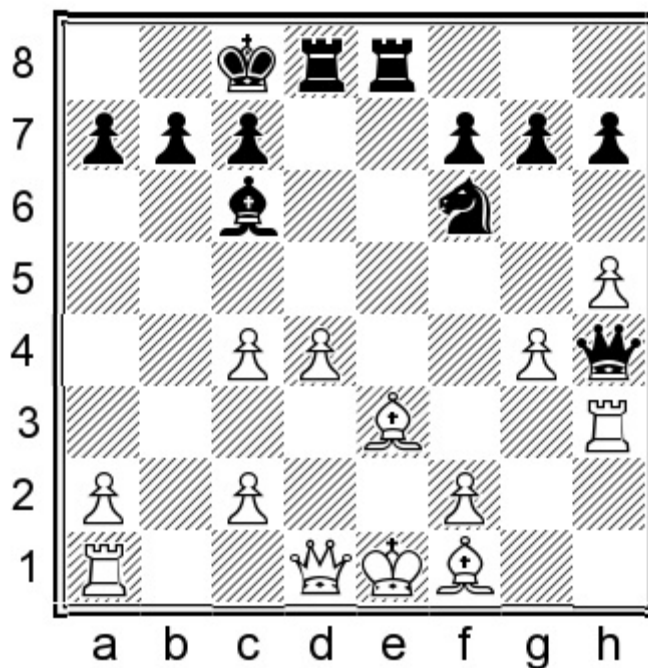
17.♖xe6

In the game Arnason,Jon 2500 - Rogers,Ian 2455, Bor 1984 - 38/(139), White opted out of the complications with 17.♙e2, though after 17...♙f4! Black had no problems. Timman decides to plunge further down the main line of Black's conception.

17...♙h4 18.♖e3 □ The only move.

18.♖xc6 allows 18...♖he8+! winning on the spot.

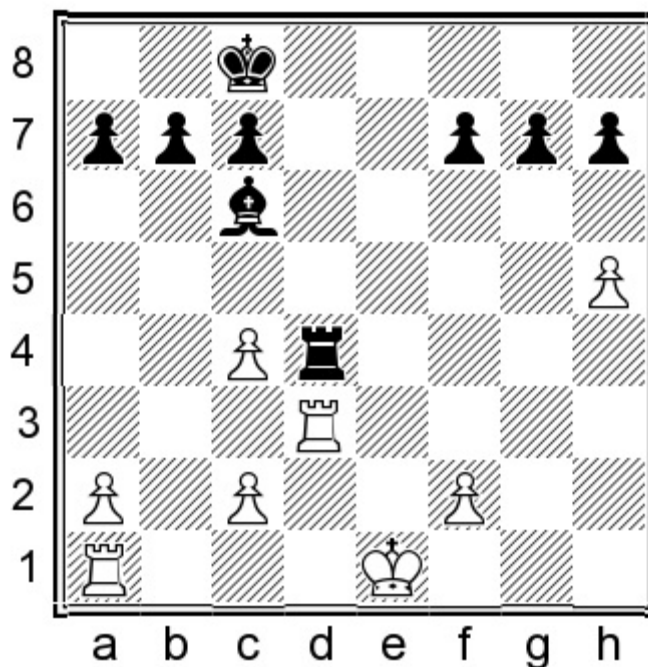
18...♖f6 19.♖h3 ♖he8+ 20.♙e3 White hopes for 20...Qg4 21.Qg4 Ng4 22.0-0-0 with a small endgame advantage due to the possibility of 23.Rg3, with some pressure against Black's kingside pawns.



20...♖xe3+! 21.♖xe3 ♜xg4 22.♚xg4+!

22.♖e2 ♜f3, and 22.♖g3 ♜e8+ 23.♜e2 ♜xf2! both win for Black so White's clever defence is forced.

22...♚xg4 23.♜h3 ♚xh3 24.♖xh3 ♖xd4 25.♖d3



25...♖e4+!

25...♖e4+ Draw. A fair result. Although 26.♖e3 (White can play simply with 26.♜d2 ♖xc4 27.♖g1 g6 28.hxg6 hxg6 when, in the absence of any passed pawns the result must be a draw.) 26...♖h4! 27.O-O-O ♖xh5 28.♖e7?! ♖f5! would give Black a dangerous passed h-pawn.

25...♖xc4 26.O-O-O would give White some small chances but now White is deprived of a tempo to

double on the d-file.

1/2-1/2

After the game Timman was angry, though not at me. "I knew I should never have trusted Karpov's analysis!" he declared. "But I didn't have enough time to prepare properly."

Show Me the Money

In 1984, as in many supertournaments today, prizemoney tended to be overshadowed by the appearance fees, the amounts of which were closely guarded secrets. Not in Reggio Emilia!

One morning before the fourth round, Paoli took all the stars to the bank to receive their appearance fees, in various currencies. Each player had negotiated separately with the organisers, so this was a rare opportunity to find out what other players were receiving - and not everyone was happy!

World #4 Lajos Portisch (\$ 1.000) could accept that #3 Timman (\$ 1.200) was receiving more than him. However he was shocked to see that Miles, no longer in the top 10, was collecting far more - 1.500 British pounds! (First prize in the tournament was 2.5m lire (about US\$ 1.300 at the time, dropping quickly to 1.5m and 1m for second and third.)

Adorjan (\$ 200) was the most unhappy. He understood that he had undersold himself when the top seeds were handed many more bank notes - after all, he was also rated higher than Miles. However Adorjan became visibly upset when he learned that IM Darryl Johansen in the B group (200 British pounds) was being given more than him.

Adjournment Blues

My fifth round game against Germany's new star Eric Lobron, played on New Year's Eve, doomed my tournament.

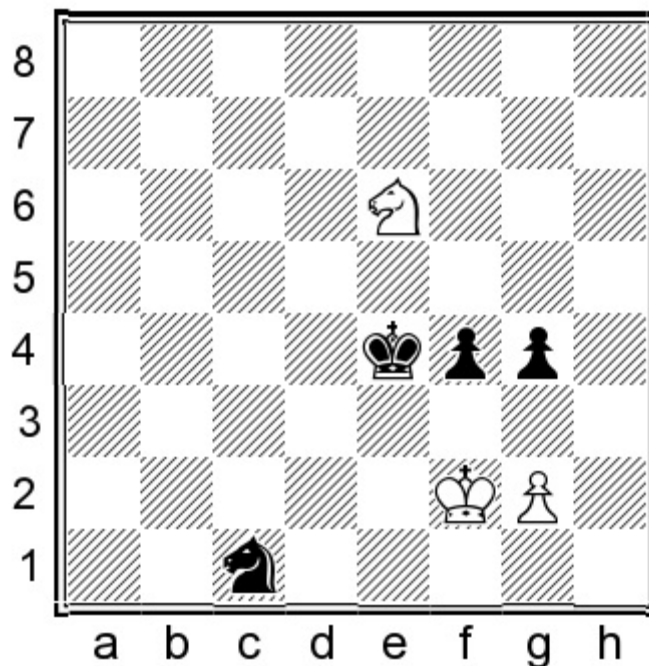
I knew Lobron from the World Cadet (U 18) Championship in France in 1975, most notably because he had woken me up in the middle of the final night by squeezing a wet sponge over my head (and then run away laughing). Lobron, then 15, was one of very few players at the World Cadet who drank the offered champagne at the closing ceremony, so he had a lot of extra glasses to finish in order to avoid disappointing the organisers.

Against Lobron in Reggio Emilia I played weakly but by the time the game was adjourned after move 50, I had reached a drawish knight endgame, 2 pawns vs 3.

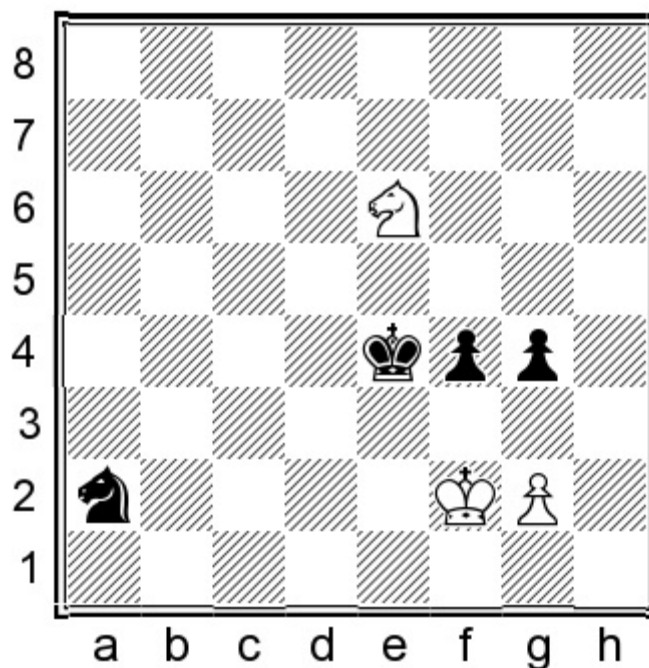
Lobron, very reasonably, wanted to play on, so at 9am the next morning, Tuesday, we fronted up to play another 20 moves each in two hours. I defended carefully and the game was adjourned again.

On Wednesday morning we played another 20 moves, then another 20 on Thursday. Finally on the Friday morning I found a small trick to eliminate his pawns and the game ended, on move 117, after almost 12 and a half hours of play.

Rogers, Ian (2475) - Lobron, Eric (2495)



116...♘a2?! Entering the fifth session of play, and less than 10 moves after Black's pawns finally reached f4 and g4, Lobron makes one careless move and White is able to end the suffering.



117.g3! Black looked up and offered his hand.

117.g3 The move 117...f3 is no longer an option due to 118.♘g5+ ♔f5 119.♘xf3!

1/2-1/2

Lobron explained that he would have agreed a draw much earlier had I defended more actively, but

each session I allowed his pawns to move forward little by little. (I had decided that no matter how far Black's pawns advanced, White could always hold.) The following day, after finally enjoying a morning without play, I won my first game for a week!

Of course every afternoon during those four days Lobron and I had to front up for our regular games. Having spent two hours each morning finding accurate defensive moves and losing much of my preparation time, I was in no condition to take on this quality field and scored 1/2/4. (Lobron did somewhat better, with three draws and a loss.)

Portisch Dominant

After seven rounds Portisch found himself on 5½/7, a point clear of two unexpected pursuers, former World Junior Champion Bojan Kurajica, and the lowest rated player in the tournament, Toth, who had beaten Timman in round six.

However for the remainder of the tournament Kurajica and Toth faded, as the highest paid players Timman and Miles began to reassert themselves.

Portisch also slowed down, winning only once in the final four rounds, but that win was against Timman in the penultimate round and gave Portisch tournament victory with a round to spare. (Timman was to gain some degree of revenge by winning comfortably in Wijk aan Zee later in January.)



Lajos Portisch; Photo by Cathy Rogers

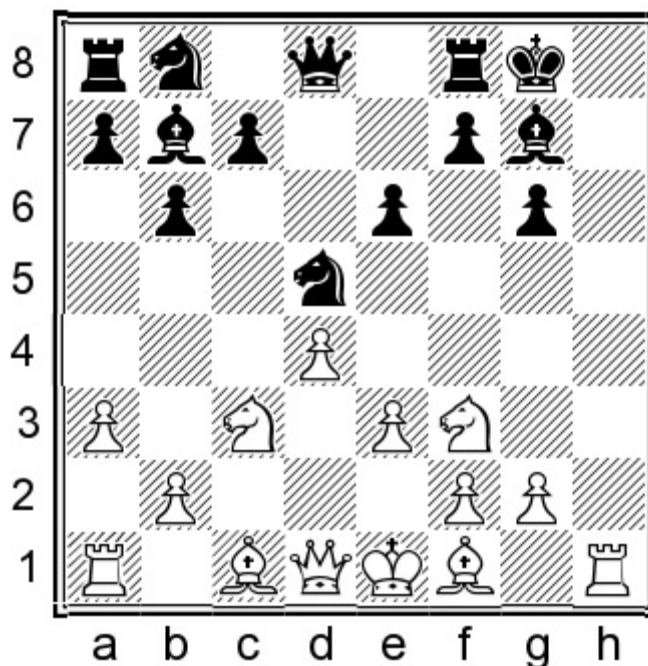
Miles recovered to 50% by winning his final three games, boosted by the following remarkable win.

E12

Miles, Anthony (2565) - Adorjan, Andras (2580)

Reggio Emilia, 1984

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.♘c3 ♙b7 5.a3 d5 6.cxd5 ♘xd5 7.e3 g6 8.h4!? ♙g7 9.h5 O-O 10.hxg6 hxg6

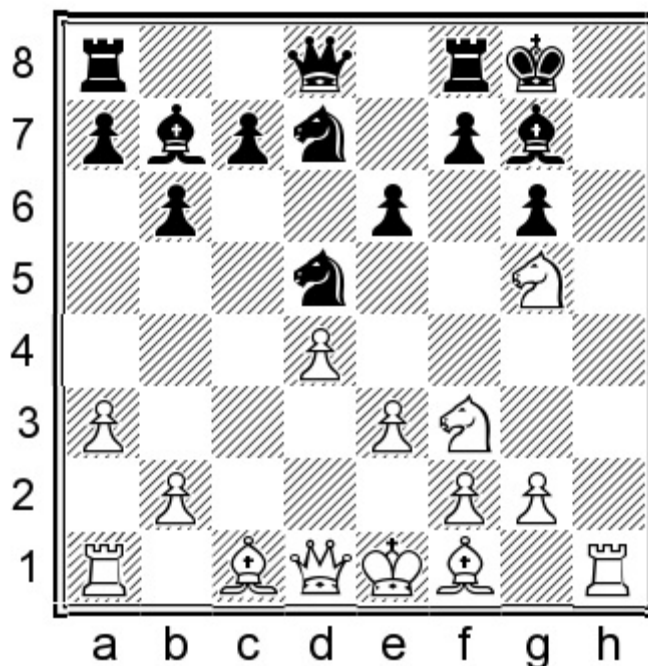


11. Ne4!?

Black has generally fared well with 7...g6 since Korchnoi used it to defeat Kasparov in the first game of their 1983 Candidates Match in London. However, Miles relates that Korchnoi has feared having to face 11.Ne4 and analysed the move extensively with Ribli during the USSR v Rest of the World Match in London 1984, eventually concluding that White's attacking chances (revolving around Neg5, e4-e5 and bringing the queen to the h-file) were quite dangerous. Miles was the first player to have a chance to use 11.Ne4 in a tournament but he was unlucky to meet an opponent who was capable of the best defence over the board.

11. Ng1

11... Nd7 12. Neg5



12...♞f6! Black has already achieved two most important objectives - the delaying of e4 and Ne5. Now he must watch out for potential sacrifices on e6 or g6.

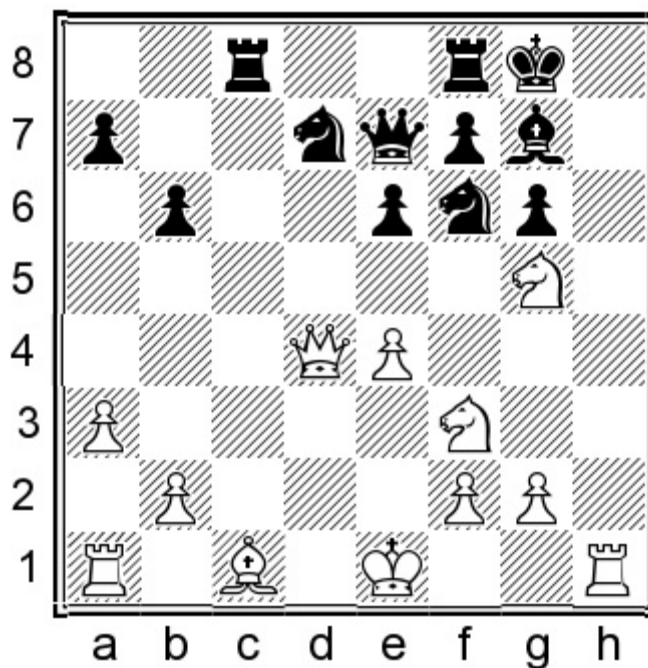
13.♙c4 ♚e7 14.♚c2 c5! White's last move carried no threat so Black has time to hit back in the centre.

15.♞h4!?

15.♞e5 was the consistent continuation and had to be tried. White's knight would have to be liquidated and after 15...♞xe5 16.dxe5 ♞d7 17.f4 (Unfortunately 17.♞xe6 does not work in view of 17...fxe6 18.♚xg6 ♜fe8!) 17...♞xe5! 18.♞h7 ♞xc4 19.♞xf8 when White at least has the exchange in return for his very bad position. Miles is not willing to accept the failure of his opening novelty so readily and soon finds himself without anything to show for his misplaced pieces.

15...♙d5! 16.e4 ♙xc4 17.♚xc4 ♜ac8 18.♞hf3 Already sounding the retreat. Black now takes complete control of the game.

18...cxd4 19.♚xd4



19...♘g4! 20.♚b4 ♘c5 21.O-O ♚c7 22.♚c4 ♜fd8 23.♞b1 ♘d3! 24.♚xc7 ♞xc7 25.b3 White cannot avoid loss of material and chooses to save his b pawn rather than his f-pawn.

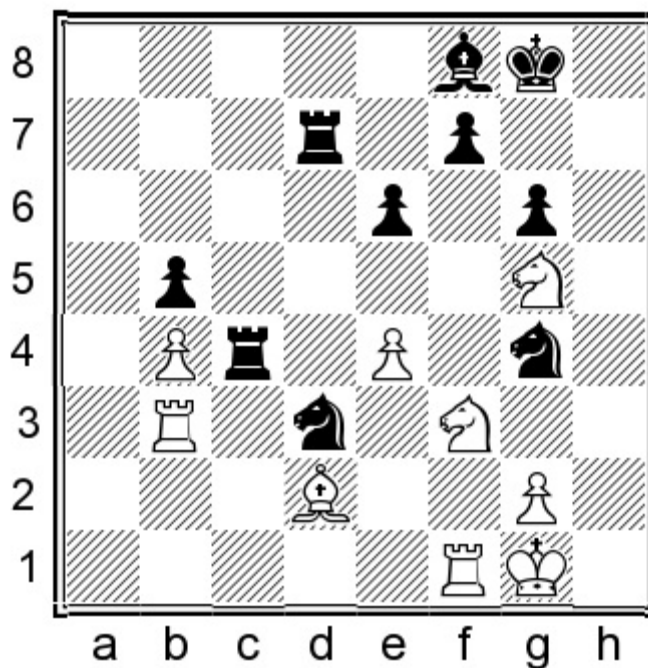
25...♘gxf2! 26.♙e3 ♘g4 27.♙d2 ♞dd7 28.♞bd1 ♙f8

Even better was 28...♙b2! 29.a4 ♙a3! with the deadly threat of 30...Bc5. Over the next few moves Black, with about half an hour left on the clock to reach the time control at move 50, started to play very slowly in a position where virtually any reasonable moves should win. As a result he begins to worry more about his clock than his opponent.

29.b4 a5 30.♞b1 axb4 31.axb4 b5 This hardly seems necessary.

The move 31...♞c4 would win the b-pawn immediately since if 32.b5 ♙c5+ wins.

32.♞b3 ♞c4?

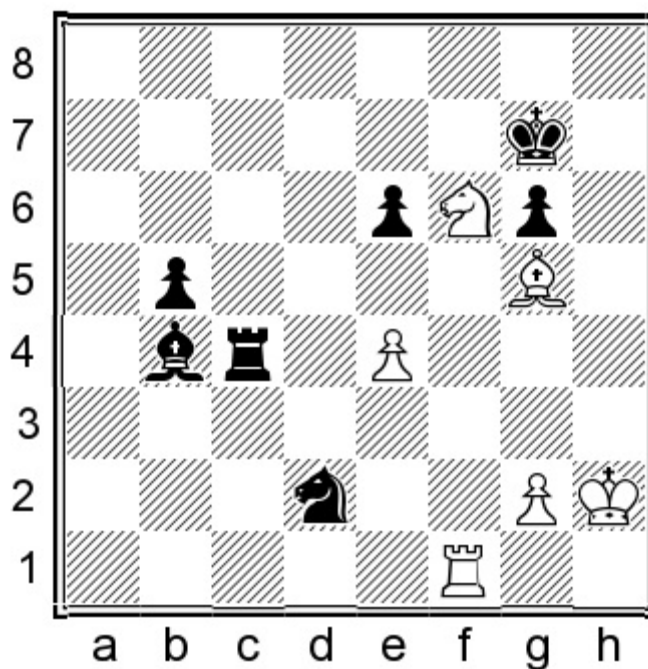


33. ♖xf7! Rather a shock for Black who now has great difficulty keeping the game under control.

33... ♗c5! A strong move - if 34. bc5 Bc5 35. Kh1 Rf7 is very nasty - but more precious minutes have ticked away.

34. ♗7e5 ♖xb3 35. ♗xd7 ♗e7 36. ♗g5 ♗xb4 37. ♗h2! The knight on g4 ties White up but after its exchange White is able to get a serious counterattack going.

37... ♗xh2 38. ♖xh2 ♗d2 39. ♗f6+ ♖g7



40. ♗f4!

Miles knew that 40. ♗e8+ was stronger, but also knew that 40. Rf4 offered better practical chances.

All of a sudden White threatens Rh4, Rh7 and Bh6 mate and Black cannot exploit the weakness of White's h2-b8 diagonal by 40... Bd6 due to 41.Ne8

40...♖c8 Adorjan offered a draw which Miles did not hesitate to decline. Objectively White's counterplay is only good enough for a draw, at best, but it was clear by now that Adorjan's nerves were getting the better of him. He now had less than two minutes to get to move 50.

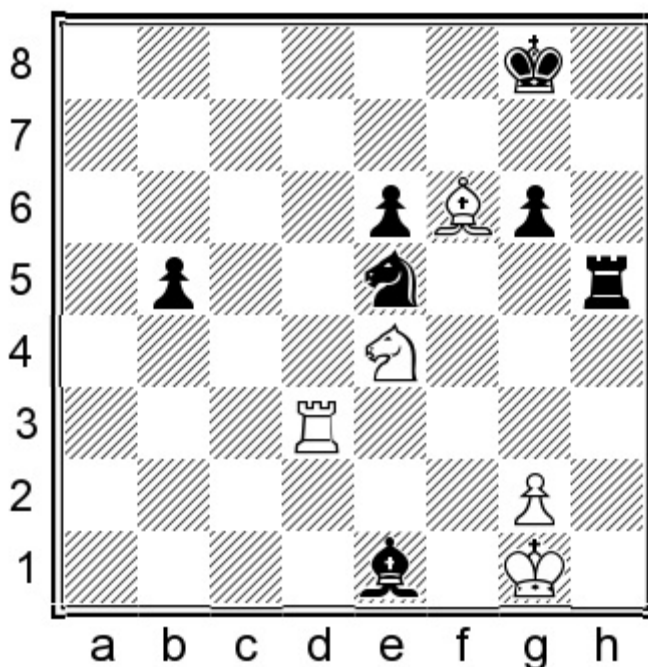
41.e5 ♜c4 42.♞e4 ♟e1 43.♞f3 Renewing the threat to transfer to the h-file.

43.♟f6+ ♔g8 44.♞f3 was a more accurate move order, meeting 44...♖c7 45.♞g5

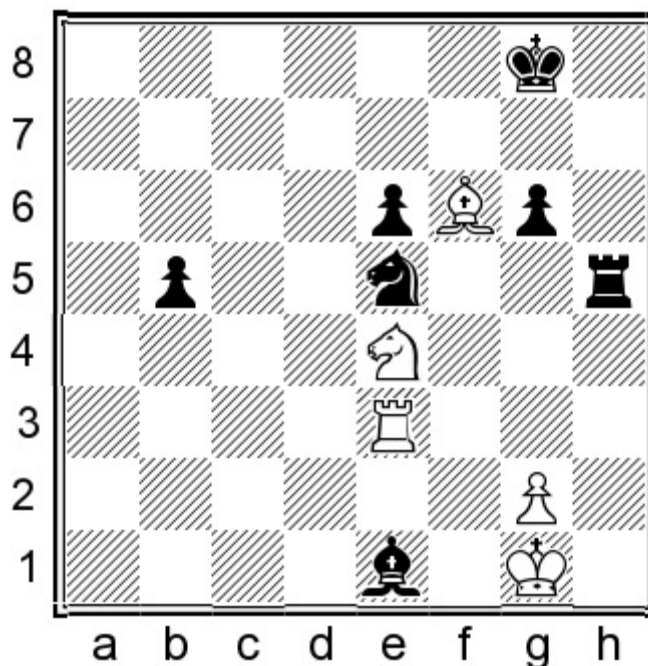
43...♞h8+ 44.♞g1 ♞h5 45.♟f6+?

Miles knew that 45.g4! ♞xe5 46.♞f1 would be the normal way to win a piece, but he thought he had found a way to win material without giving up his last pawn.

45...♞g8 46.♞d3!? ♞xe5



47.♞e3! This has a double threat - 48.Re1 and 48.Be5 Re5 49.Nf6. Noticing that 47...Bh4 48.g3 also won material, Adorjan found a fantastic alternative!



47...♞a5!!⊕

47...♞a5 White is lost - both 48.♞xe5 ♞b6!! 49.♞f6+ (and 49.♞f4 ♞xe3+ 50.♞xe3 ♞e5!-+) 49...♞f7 50.♞xh5 ♞xe3+ 51.♞f1 gxh5 are hopeless for White. Unfortunately as Adorjan played 47...Ba5!! his flag fell three moves before the time control, so Miles was awarded the point.

1-0

Paoli, still very much a chess player and fan as well as an organiser, was often present in the playing hall but too busy to hang out with the players as he liked to do. Paoli later wrote, with typical panache: "I regret that due to my many commitments I was unable to follow the progress of the matches: the useful and interesting comments on their completion and the small discussions on the theoretical innovations of the opening, of which professionals are creators, executioners and victims, alternating those roles."

RR This game was published in *Chess Informant* 39/636

"How Chess Should be Played!"

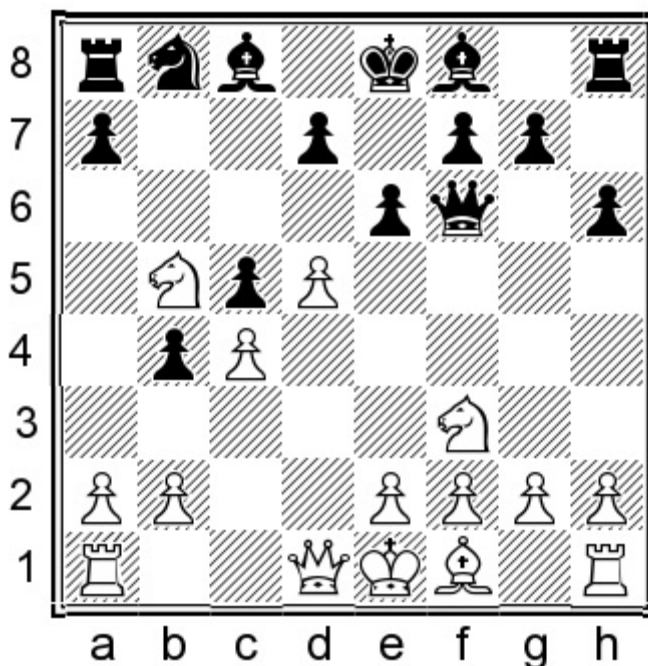
My final round game - with its 8am start - was against Portisch, who was a point and a half clear and who I knew would have no compunction in playing hard for a win. (Despite the early start, which saw a lot of bleary-eyed players, only two games ended in short draws.)

The evening before the game I had no idea what to play with Black, but my compatriot Johansen offered to show me a secret system, guaranteed to confuse the world number four. He demonstrated the ideas and I thought: "Why not?".

These 1985 annotations, like my notes to Timman - Rogers and Miles - Adorjan, were published in the tournament book with annotations credited to... Enrico Paoli!

E10**Portisch, Lajos (2640) - Rogers, Ian (2475)****Reggio Emilia 39/603, 1984****1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.d5 b5 5.♙g5!**

Once players started playing this move and gave up trying to grab a pawn with 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.cxb5, the Blumenfeld faded into obscurity. White plans e4-e5, ignoring Black's queenside demonstration.

5...h6 6.♙xf6 ♔xf6 7.♘c3 b4 8.♘b5

8...♙d8!? The blame for this amazing opening idea should be directed to East German GM Rainer Knaak.

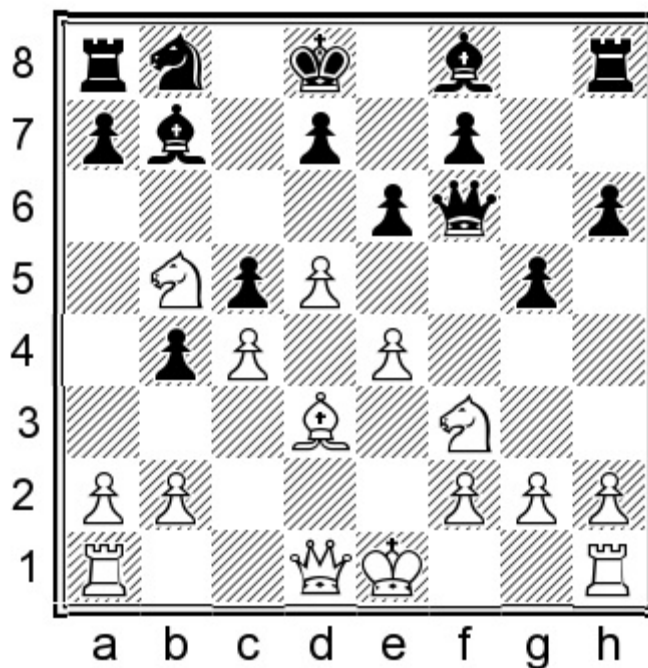
Previously Black had tried 8...♘a6, leaving the White knight safe as houses on b5 and making Black very vulnerable to a timely a3 (idea ab4 and Ra6).

9.e4 g5! The second part of Knaak's idea; to answer 10.e5 with 10...Qg7 and 11...g4.

10.♙d3 "I was intending to offer you a draw after 10 moves," said Portisch after the game. "But I knew if I offered a draw in this position, everybody back in Hungary would laugh at me!"

Later in 1985, Malaniuk was to discover the effective refutation of this line - 10.e5 ♔g7 11.g4! (Malaniuk, Vladimir 2465 - Palatnik, Semon 2455, Tallinn 1985), with the point that 11...h5 can be met by 12.♙g1! Ian Rogers in 2021

10...♙b7



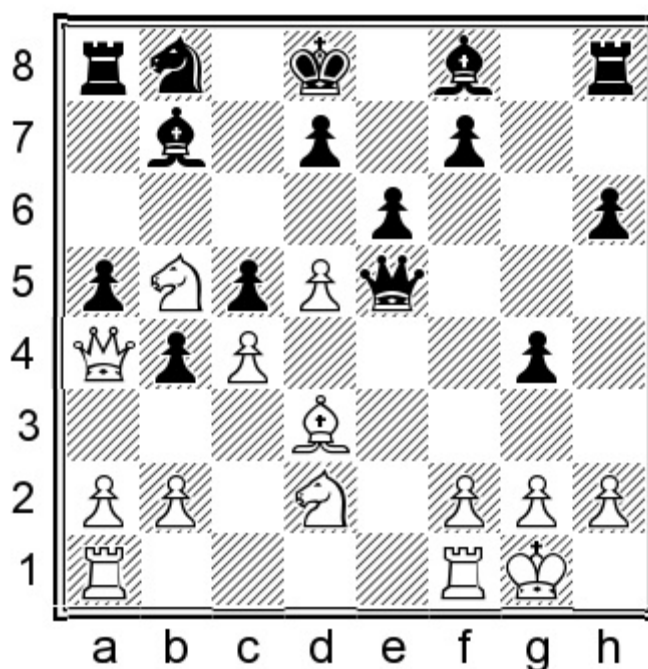
11.e5?! Very ambitious as this commits White to sacrificing material.

Whereas 11.♔a4, attending to the threat of 11...a6 and threatening 12.Qa5, 11...a5 12.♔c2 leads to a complicated game in which White's space advantage in the centre marginally outweighs Black's dark square control. The position is certainly playable for Black, however.

11...♔g7 12.♔a4 a5 13.O-O The logical follow-up to White's 11th move.

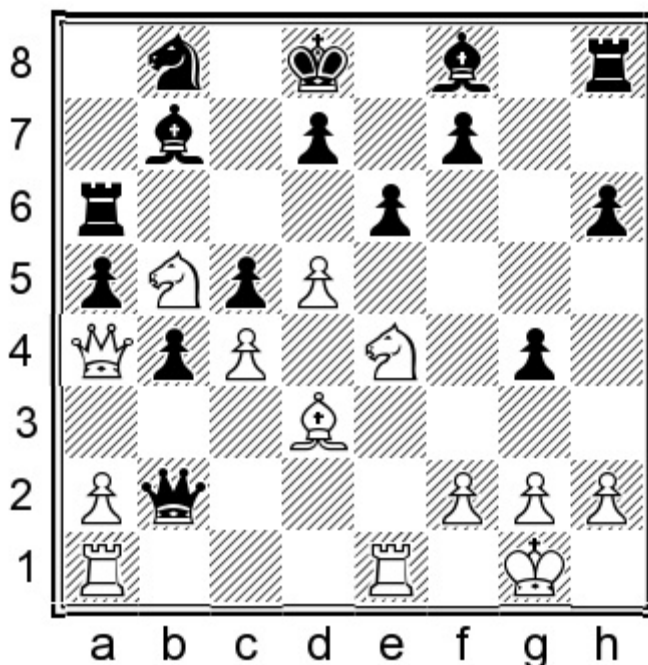
13.h3 merely encourages 13...h5 and 14...g4.

13...g4 14.♘d2 ♔xe5



15.♔c2 Showing a surprising unwillingness to continue in gambit style.

In fact 15.♖fe1 was quite playable, since 15...♙xb2 16.♘e4 ♖a6



17.♘bc3!!, threatening 18.Rab1 and meeting 17...♙a3 with 18.♙b5!, is virtually winning. Black should have allowed a knight into d6 by playing 16...Qg7, but it would have been much safer to ignore the b-pawn and play 15...Qg7 in the first place. Then White could choose whether or not to bother with Qc2.

15...♖a6

15...a4! was better, keeping the queenside files closed and Portisch immediately exploits Black's omission. The text move aims to further control d6 but is very awkward.

16.♖fe1 ♙g7 17.a3! A quiet move, but White's eyes are firmly fixed on Black's king. The plan runs 18.ab4 ab4 19.Ra6 Na6 20. Qa4-a5-b6 and mates.

17...h5 The beginning of a painfully slow counterattack.

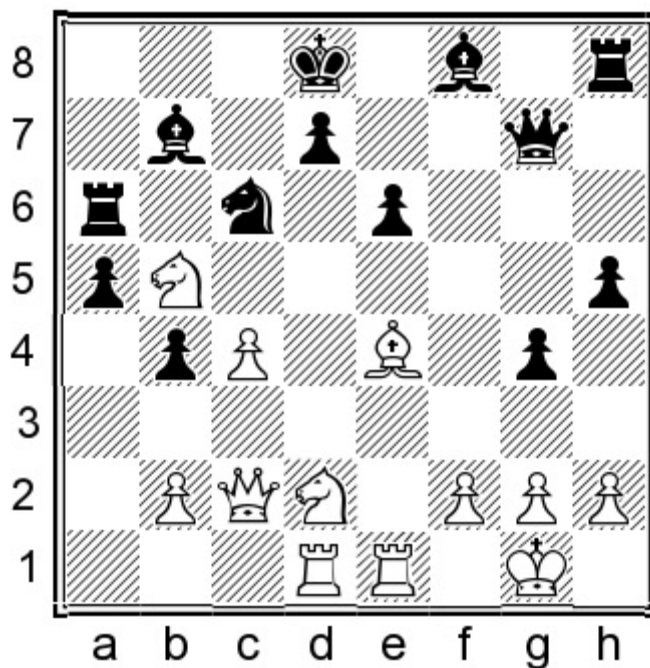
18.axb4 cxb4! 19.dxe6

White would like to play 19.♘b3 but Black would then have 19...h4!? 20.♘xa5 ♖xa5! 21.♖xa5 g3→ with a dangerous attack in return for the exchange.

19...fxe6 20.♙e4 Sensibly choosing central control as a method of defusing Black's attacking forces.

20.c5 might be playable but is obviously risky after 20...h4 21.♘d6 ♖xd6 (or even 21...♙xd6!? 22.♙xa6 ♙xh2+!?) 22.cxd6 ♙xd6 White has no need to enter such obscure lines.

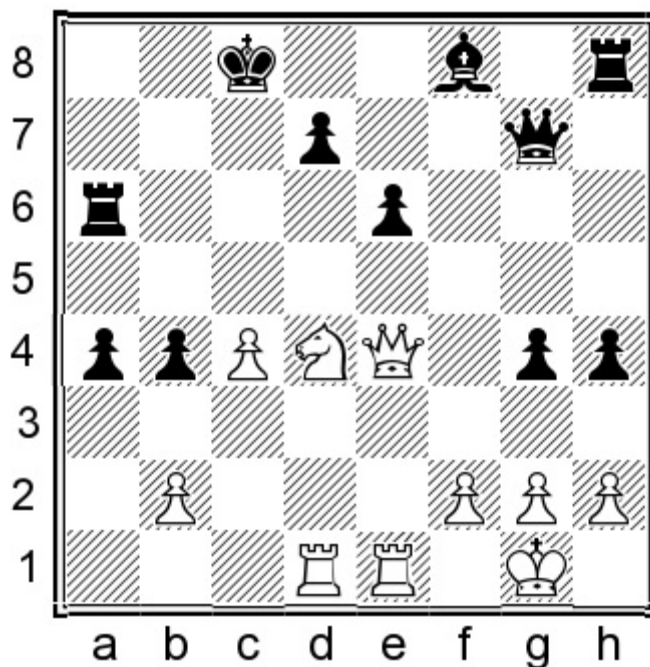
20...♘c6 21.♖ad1



21...h4! 22.♘b3 a4! It is imperative to prevent this knight reaching c5.

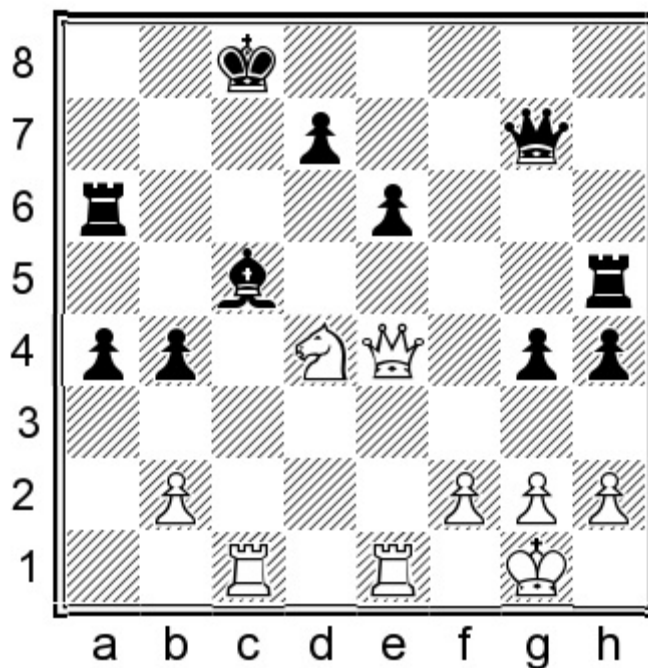
To continue "attacking" with 22...g3 would allow 23.♘d6! when Black's position collapses.

23.♘3d4 ♘xd4 24.♘xd4 ♙xe4 25.♙xe4 ♔c8!



26.♔h1?

White had originally intended 26.c5! but noticed 26...♙xc5 27.♖c1 ♜h5! when the lateral defence of the bishop seems to leave Black two pawns up for nothing. Portisch thus became somewhat depressed that Black could be getting away with such a ridiculous opening and forgot to look further to discover



28. ♖xe6!! dxe6 (28... ♖xe6? 29. ♗a8+ ♔c7 30. ♖xe6 dxe6 31. ♗a7+ wins.) 29. ♗xb4! when both 29... ♗c7 (and 29... ♖c6 30. ♗xa4) 30. ♗xg4 give White tremendous play for the piece. Probably Black should not lose after 30... ♖f5 31. ♗xh4! ♗b8 32. ♖c2 but he has a permanently exposed king and will be on the defensive for many moves without having enough pawns left to ever think of winning. In any case 26.Kh1 is a very passive move which leaves White a pawn down with a very bad position.

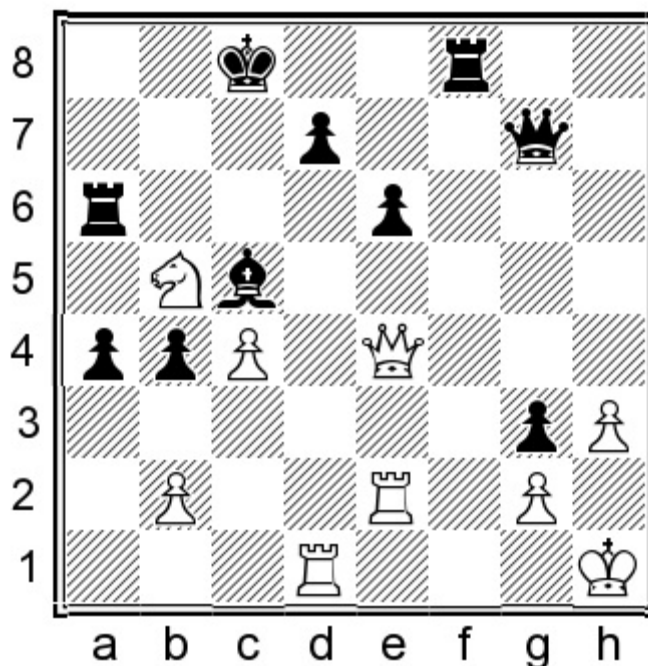
26... ♗c5 27. ♖e2 ♖f8 28. ♖b5 g3

White was playing for 28... ♖xf2 29. ♖xf2 ♗xf2 30. ♖d6+ but Black is not so obliging.

29.fxg3

29.f3 would have provided the best resistance, though, then 29...h3!? would effectively ruin White's king's pawn cover and (29...a3 might be even better.)

29...hxc3 30.h3



30...a3! A triumph for Black's flank pawns. With White's king permanently subject to back rank mating threats, the a-pawn is almost impossible to stop.

31.bxa3 bxa3 32.♔b1

32.♖a2 ♜f2 33.♜da1 was slightly better but White remains horribly tied up and a pawn down.

32...♜f2 33.♜a2 ♜xa2 34.♔xa2 ♔b2

34...♔b2 On 35.♔xb2 axb2 36.♞c3 ♜a1 37.♞b1 White can hardly move a piece and Black's simplest winning method is 37...♞f2 followed by ...e5-e4-e3-e2 etc. An amazingly rapid collapse after a highly unusual and unclear middlegame.

0-1

As I walked away from the game Timman, who had taken a short draw in the final round against Hort, approached me and offered the brutal comment: "If I could even in my wildest dreams have imagined that you would have beaten Portisch with Black, I would not have pushed so hard yesterday."

On the other hand, when I next met Michael Basman, the master of the flank pawn advance, he commended my play in this game and indicated that I was showing real progress in understanding how chess should be played!

Postscript

The morning after the last round of the tournament, a tired but satisfied Paoli visited our hotel room to pick up the bulletin typewriter. We offered him a cup of coffee and began talking about the tournament. "I am so relieved. Mr Adorjan has been such a problem, always complaining," Paoli explained. "But I am so happy because I have just dropped him off at the airport and I can finally relax."

A few minutes later our hotel phone rang. It was Paoli's wife who told Paoli that a strange man had arrived at their house. He said he had missed his plane and his name was... Andras Adorjan.

Paoli took his leave from us and headed off to solve the tournament's last problem.

Cathy and I had also had one small problem to solve. My father had given a Christmas gift to a friend (who was leading a tour group around northern Italy) to deliver. The friend forgot, but dropped the parcel off at a hotel in the next major city, Modena.

Modena seemed like a rather large detour to pick up a parcel, but after a short (reverse charges) call to Australia, my father assured us it was absolutely, definitely worth picking up in Modena. (The gift was no doubt money, we surmised, which would be very helpful given our limited finances.)

We learned that Stuart Wagman - the attacking, Italy-based American who was at one point considered to have refuted the Pin Variation of the Sicilian - was travelling through Modena on his way home and he offered us a ride. We left soon after the early afternoon closing ceremony (enabled by the 8am start!).

Unfortunately this was also the day when a rare snowstorm hit northern Italy, so a half hour drive between Reggio Emilia and Modena became 90 minutes, at which point Wagman was forced off the road by police because he did not have snow chains for his car.

Cathy and I left Stuart and walked to the nominated hotel, picking up the parcel at reception. Unwrapped, the parcel contained four small, homemade fruit mince pies - and no amount of searching in the box revealed anything else.

We realised that only one thing could be done, and so ordered two cappuccinos to accompany the eating of the pies. We then walked back through the snow to Modena railway station - where delays were up to 8 hours - and eventually caught a train back to Reggio Emilia. Arriving back at the hotel around midnight, we defrosted, slept and took a train to Amsterdam the following evening, ready for a new challenge in Wijk aan Zee.

My father's little joke was forgiven - eventually.

In Wijk aan Zee, my first game in the second group was against Portisch's brother Ferenc, like me an International Master. I made a very solid draw with Black, after which I was approached by Lajos who asked why I had not shown such respect to him in our last round game. "But today I was playing the great Portisch!" I replied. Lajos walked away with a disgusted look and I am not sure if my little joke was ever forgiven.

FROM THE CHESS INFORMANT ARCHIVES



By Douglas Griffin

Lev Polugaevsky v. Tigran V. Petrosian, 1st match-game, 37th USSR Championship Playoff, Moscow 1970



Tigran Petrosian, pictured in play at the 37th USSR Championship, Moscow 1969 (Photo: M. Svetlov, Novosti Press.).

*Lev Polugaevsky, pictured in play at the IBM
Tournament in Amsterdam, July 1970 (Photo: E.
Koch, Anefo, via www.nationaalarchief.nl.)*

In the previous From the Chess Informant Archives column (volume 148) we examined a decisive game from the playoff match for the 36th USSR Championship. The very next year's event again resulted in a playoff for the title, and Lev Polugaevsky was once again involved. His opponent on this occasion was Tigran V. Petrosian, who just a few months before the championship had lost the world

title to Boris Spassky.

The 37th USSR Championship, which was held in Moscow, was another marathon event, a 22-round(!) all-play-all which began in early September 1969 and lasted more than a month. As a FIDE Zonal event, the line-up was even stronger than usual. At the conclusion of the final round, Petrosian and Polugaevsky were tied in 1st-2nd place, a 1/2-point ahead of Mark Taimanov, Vassily Smyslov and Efim Geller.

Petrosian was already seeded directly through to the Candidates, while the others progressed to the Interzonal tournament in Palma de Mallorca.

To decide the matter of the Soviet title, a six-game playoff was organised for early the following year. It was held in the Central Chess Club at 14 Gogol'evsky Boulevard in the Soviet Capital. The Chief Arbiter of the match was Soviet Master B. Baranov. As it turned out, only five games were needed; Petrosian won the 1st and 4th in fine style and fairly comfortably drew the remainder.

Petrosian annotated the games of the match for volume 9 of *Chess Informant*. Igor Zaitsev (not to be confused with Polugaevsky's opponent the previous year, Aleksandr Zaitsev) was special correspondent of the magazine *64* at the match, and he later annotated the games for that publication. Zaitsev would later become well known as the trainer and assistant of Anatoly Karpov; at that time he was one of Petrosian's seconds, and so was particularly close to events.

The opening game was the finest of the match; Petrosian, with the black pieces, took advantage of uncharacteristically poor opening play by his opponent and broke through in decisive fashion in the early middlegame. The notes here are based on those of Petrosian and Zaitsev, in the sources mentioned above.



RR - The annotations to this game are by T. V. Petrosian, from "Chess Informant" (vol. 9/21), and by his second I. A. Zaitsev, from "64" (No. 4, 1970). In the latter case the translation from the Russian is by Douglas Griffin.

A14
Polugaevsky, Lev - Petrosian, Tigran V
USSR (ch-m/1-playoff), 1970

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.♙g2 ♙b7 5.O-O ♙e7 6.b3 O-O 7.♙b2 d5 8.e3

This set-up was popularised by the 6th World Champion, Mikhail Botvinnik, who won a number of

fine games with it, for instance, v. Larsen at Palma de Mallorca, 1967 (see *Chess Informant*, vol. 4/37) and, six years before the present game, v. Petrosian himself in the USSR Sporting Societies' team championship.

8...c5

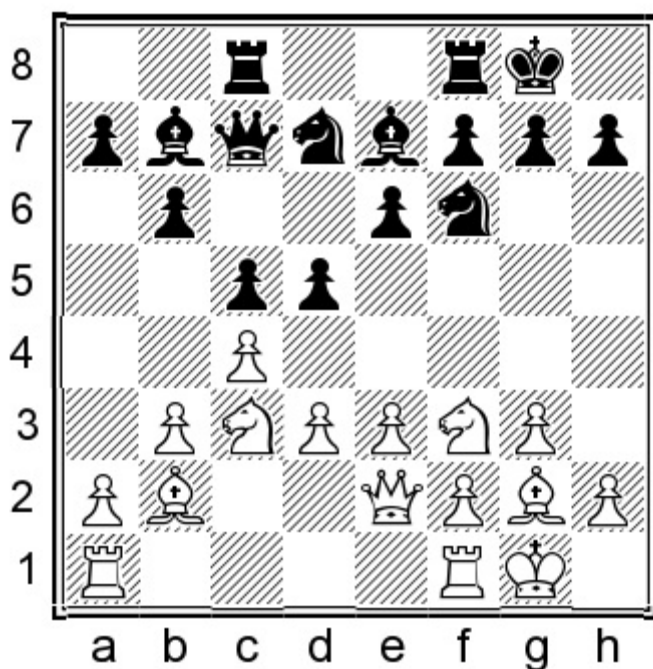
Here Zaitsev points out that in the game Geller, Efim - Kholmov, Ratmir, played in the 37th USSR Championship proper, Black continued 8...♖bd7, and on 9.♗c3 ♗e4!? 10.cxd5 (Many years later, in the famous, decisive, 24th game of the 1987 match between Kasparov and Karpov in Seville, Kasparov preferred the alternative 10.♗e2!?, retaining the tension in the position (see *Chess Informant* vol 44/11).) 10...♗xc3 11.♗xc3 ♗xd5, etc. (see *Chess Informant* vol. 8/23).

9.♗c3 ♗bd7 Petrosian too prefers the development of the knight on this square.

10.d3

Perhaps prompted by the Geller - Kholmov game, Polugaevsky avoids the normal continuation 10.♖e2, on which 10...♗e4!? is again possible; note that now White no longer has available the possibility of Nc3-e2

10...♖c8 11.♖e2 ♖c7



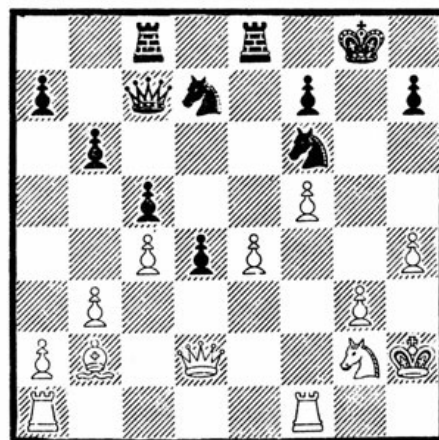
12.e4 This may have been better delayed; Black cannot undertake anything in the centre in the

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POLUGAJEVSKI—PETROSJAN SSSR

1. c4 ♗f6 2. ♗f3 e6 3. g3 b6 4. ♗g2 ♗b7 5. 0—0 ♗e7 6. b3 0—0 7. ♗b2 d5 8. e3 c5 9. ♗c3 ♗bd7 10. d3 [10. ♖e2 ♗e4=] ♖c8 11. ♖e2 ♖c7 12. e4 d4 13. ♗b1?! [13. ♗b5!=] ♗e8 14. ♗e1 e5 15. f4?! g6 [15... ef4 16. gf4 g6!?] 16. f5 ♗g5 17. h4 ♗e3 18. ♗h2 gf5! 19. ef5? [19. ♗h3 fe4 20. ♖g4 ♗g7 21. ♖d7 ♖d7 22. ♗d7 ♖cd8 23. ♗h3 f5!∞; 19. ♖f5 ♗g7 20. ♖fi f5干; 19. ♖f5 ♗g7 20. ♗h3!?∞] e4!干 20. ♗e4 ♗e4 21. de4 [21. ♖g4 ♗h8 22. ♖e4 ♗ef6 23. ♖f3 ♖g8—+] ♗ef6 22. ♗g2 ♖fe8! 23. ♗d2 [23. ♗e3 ♖e4—+] ♗d2 24. ♖d2



24... ♖g3! 25. ♗g3 ♗e4 26. ♗f4 ♗d2 27. ♖fel ♗df6 28. ♖e8 ♖e8 29. ♖el ♗de4!—+ 30. ♖e2 ♗f8 31. ♗f3 d3 32. ♖e3 ♖d8 [32... d2! 33. ♖d3 ♗g4 34. ♖d7 ♗h2! 35. ♗f4 ♗f2 36. ♖d2 ♖e4 37. ♗g3 ♗f1] 33. ♖el [33. ♗f6 ♗f5—+] d2 34. ♖d1 ♗g4! 35. ♗e3 ♗ef2 36. ♗c3 ♖d3 0 : 1 [Petrosjan]

meantime.

12...d4 13.♘b1?!

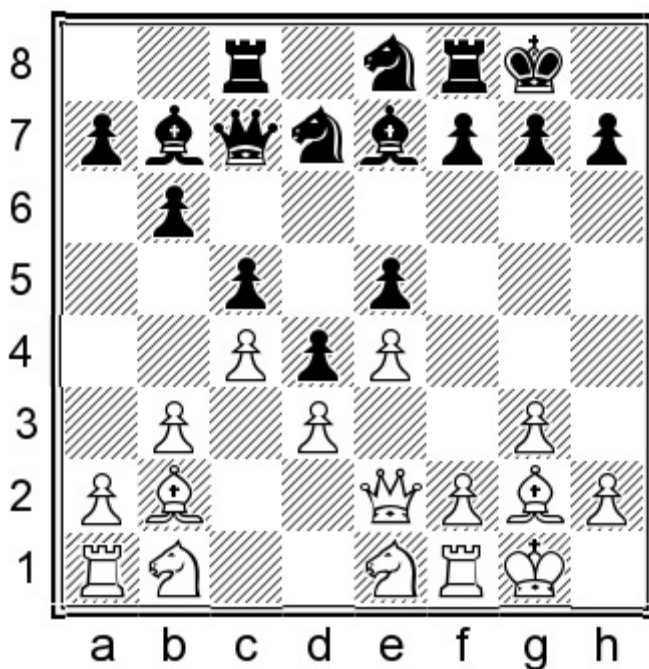
Zaitsev indicates the alternative 13.♘d1, intending to bring the knight into play on f2 after Nd2 and f4. Interestingly, this had occurred almost a quarter of a century earlier in the game Smyslov, Vassily - Tolush, Alexander, from the training tournament in Parnu, 1947.

Petrosian, however, indicates 13.♘b5, assessing the position as equal. Either of these continuations was evidently preferable to the continuation in the text.

13...♘e8

13...e5 is less precise; White then has the possibility of 14.♘h4

14.♘e1 e5 Thus, we have reached a King's Indian Defence of sorts, with colours reversed! True to form, Petrosian proceeds to give a virtuoso display of how to handle this structure.



15.f4?! Criticised by Petrosian, who presumably felt that White should have first completed piece development.

15...g6

Here the ex-World Champion mentions the possibility of 15...exf4!? 16.gxf4 and only then 16...g6

16.f5 This seems questionable.

Again, 16.♘d2 or alternatively 16.♙h3, as was suggested by the Moscow master Abram Khasin, was probably to be preferred.

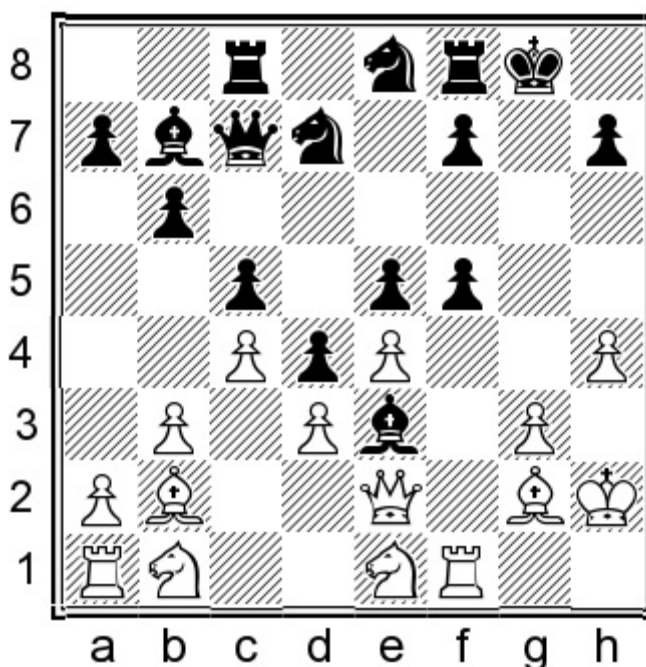
16...♙g5 The obvious drawback to White's last move.

17.h4 Zaitsev writes: "This outwardly active move is a serious mistake. The position of the white king

soon becomes very shaky."

He indicates instead 17.♘d2, reinforcing the e4-square, or 17.♔h1, planning Nf3-h4

17...♙e3+ 18.♔h2 gxf5!



Polugaevsky had evidently not taken full account of the consequences of this move. The opening of the game is to Black's advantage; after all, as Zaitsev puts it "Black is playing the middlegame, while White still has to solve the problems of the opening".

How is White to recapture?

According to V. Liberzon, writing in *Shakhmaty v SSSR* (no. 4, 1970), Polugaevsky's original intention had been 19.Bh3. However, now he noticed the continuation envisaged by Petrosian: 19...fe4! 20.Qg4 Ng7 21.Qd7 Qd7 22.Bd7 Rcd8 23.Bh3 f5 24.Na3 "although White has only two pawns for a piece, White can hardly save himself" (Zaitsev, who nevertheless considers that this was the best practical chance for White).

Note that on 19.Rf5 Ng7 20.Rf1 f5 21.ef5 Rf5 22.Rf5 Nf5 23.Qg4 Ng7 24.Na3 Nf6 Black again stands clearly better. Typically, Petrosian mentions the possibility of an exchange sacrifice ? 19.Rf5 Ng7 20.Bh3!?. Zaitsev continues the analysis: 20...Nf5 21.Bf5 Nf6!? (21...Rcd8) 22.Nc3!?, but after 22...Rcd8 White's compensation is evidently insufficient.

19.exf5? Played after 40 minutes' thought, but after this matters get rapidly worse for White.

19...e4! 20.♙xe4

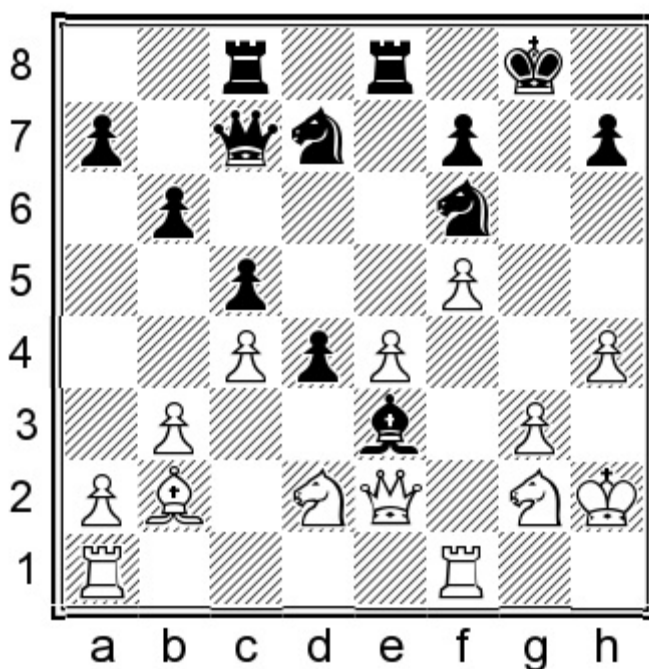
On 20.dxe4 Black has many promising continuations, for instance 20...♘e5 21.♘d3 ♘xd3 22.♙xd3 ♘f6, etc.

20...♙xe4 21.dxe4

21. ♖g4+ ♔h8 22. ♖xe4 ♜ef6 followed by ...Rg8 was certainly no better.

21... ♜ef6 22. ♜g2 ♞fe8 23. ♜d2

Or 23. ♜xe3 ♞xe4.



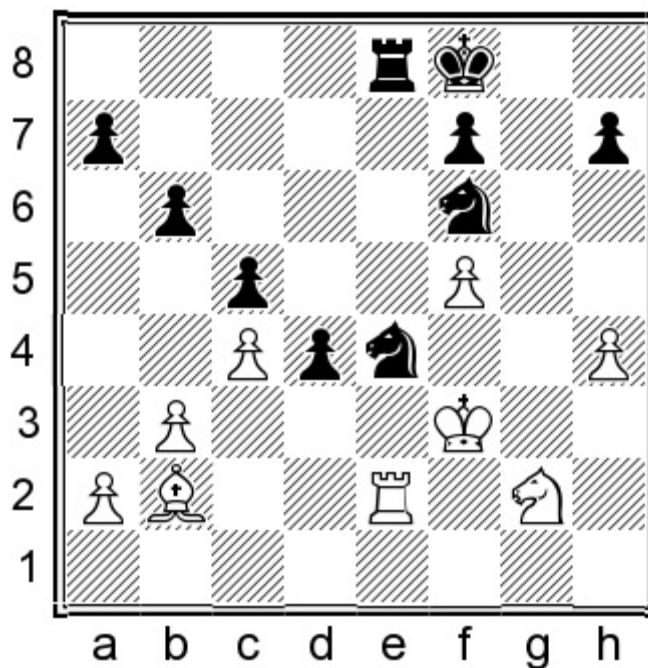
23... ♜xd2 The prelude to a simplifying combination that had undoubtedly been foreseen long in advance by Petrosian.

24. ♖xd2 ♖xg3+! 25. ♜xg3 ♜xe4+ 26. ♜f4 ♜xd2 27. ♞fe1 ♜f6 28. ♞xe8+ ♞xe8 29. ♞e1 ♜de4

Avoiding premature simplification. Black has a solid extra pawn and a strong initiative.

30. ♞e2 ♜f8 31. ♜f3

As Zaitsev point out, 31. ♜e1 leads to the loss of the f5-pawn after 31... ♜h5+ 32. ♜f3 (32. ♜g4 ♜ef6+ 33. ♜f3 ♞xe2 34. ♜xe2 ♜g3+) 32... ♜hg3



31...d3! Now Black wins by force.

32.♖e3

Or 32.♖e1 d2 33.♖d1 ♘g4!, etc.

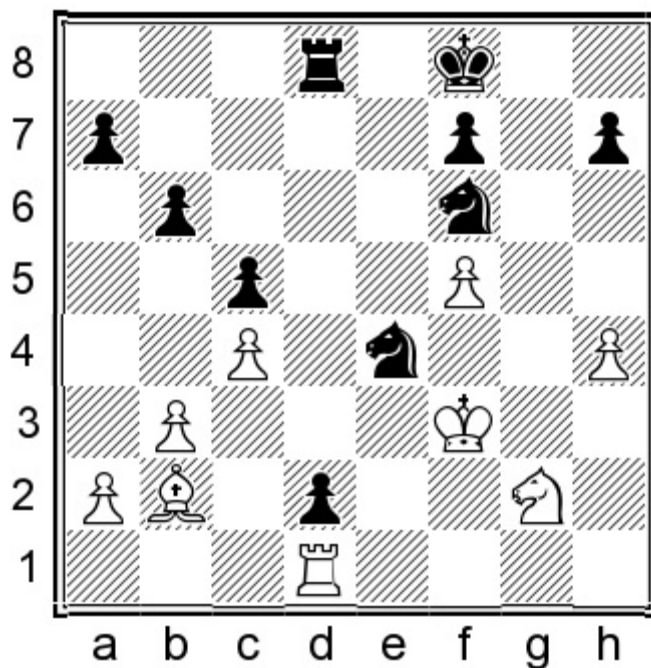
32...♞d8

An alternative win was pointed out by grandmaster Antoshin: 32...d2 33.♞d3 ♘g4! 34.♞d7 (34.♘e3 ♘xe3 35.♙xe3 d1=♚ 36.♞xd1 ♘c3+) 34...♘h2+! 35.♙f4 ♘f2 36.♞xd2 ♞e4+, and White loses his rook.

33.♖e1

On 33.♙xf6 Petrosian indicates simply 33...♘xf6 (rather than 33...d2 34.♙e7+ ♙g7 35.♙xd8 d1=♚+ 36.♙xe4 ♚xd8, as given by Zaitsev.)

33...d2 34.♞d1



34...♞g4! Again this move. In this game, and in many key variations, the black knights have proved to be absolutely rampant!

35.♞e3 ♞ef2 36.♙c3 ♜d3 White resigned. **0-1**

Liberzon writes: "A game that does honour to the victor. It is difficult to see where he could have played more strongly."



At the Candidates' Quarter-final in Seville, 1971 Tigran Petrosian (centre), with his seconds Aleksei Suetin (left) and Igor Zaitsev (right) (Photo from 64 (№25, 1971))

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2019*

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 - 1. d4 R ♘ 1... ♘f6, 1... d5
 - 1. d4 ♘f6 R ♘ 2. c4
 - 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 R ♘ 2... e6, 2... g6
- B**
- 1. e4 R ♘ 1... c5, 1... e6, 1... e5
 - 1. e4 c5
- C**
- 1. e4 e6
 - 1. e4 e5
- D**
- 1. d4 d5
 - 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ♘ 3... d5
- E**
- 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6
 - 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ♘ 3... d5

A00-A24

1. A00

Basman, Michael J (2289) - Dong, Bao Nghia (2227)
Newcastle (open) 149/1, 2021

1.g4 d5 2.h3

2.♙g2 ♙xg4 (2...c6 - 38/1) 3.c4

2...e5 3.♙g2 c6

3...♘c6! 4.d3 ♘ge7 5.♗f3 ♗g6+

4.d4 e4 5.♙f4 ♙d6 6.♚d2?!

6.♙xd6 ♚xd6 7.c4+

6...♗e7

6...♙xf4 7.♚xf4 ♚b6 8.♗d2 ♚xb2 9.♖b1 ♚xd4-+

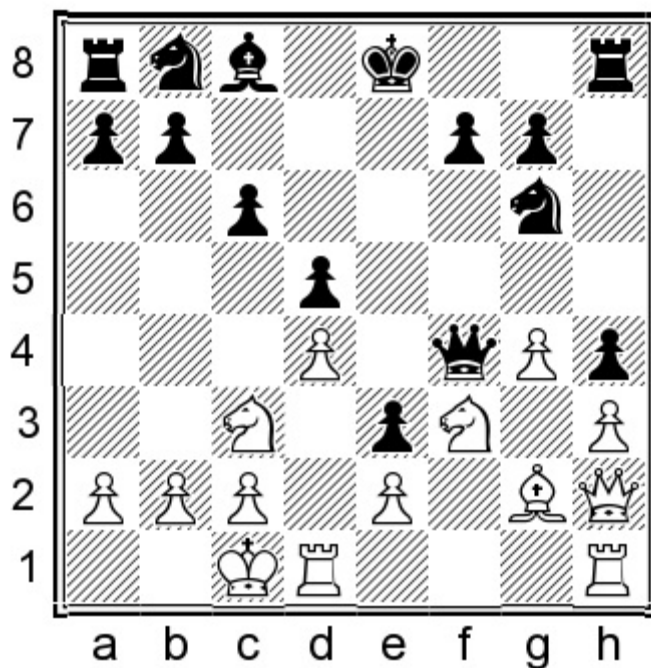
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7...♙e6

8.♚xf4 ♗g6 9.♚g3 h5 10.f3 e3 11.O-O-O h4

11...♚h4! 12.♚xh4 ♗xh4 13.♖h2 f5 14.gxf5 ♙xf5-+

12.♚h2 ♚g5 13.f4 ♚xf4 14.♗f3



14...f5? 15.gxf5

15.♔g1! fxg4 16.hxg4 ♕xg4? 17.♕h3! ♕f5 18.♖f1+-

15...♕xf5 16.♖df1 ♘a6 17.♘e5! ♔xh2 18.♖xh2 ♘e7?

18...♘xe5 19.♖xf5 ♘f7 20.♘d1=

19.♘d1 ♖f8 20.♘e3 O-O-O 21.♕f3 ♕e6 22.♖g1 ♖g8 23.♔d2

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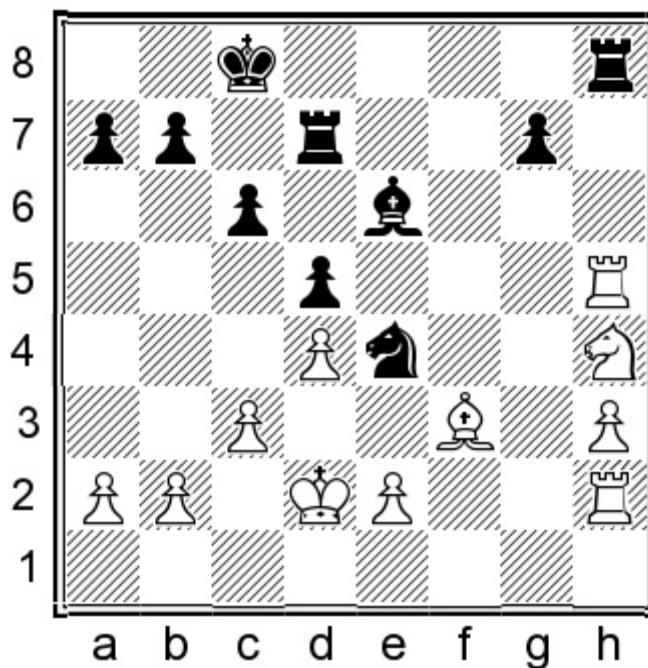
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27...♖d7

27...♘g3! 28.♔e1 ♘f7!±

28.♘2xh4 ♘xh4 29.♘xh4 ♖h8 30.♖h5 ♘e4+



31.♔e3??

31.♔e1+-

31...♖xh5 32.♙xh5 ♜g3! 33.♙g4 ♙xg4 34.♔f4 ♜f1 35.♖h1 ♙xe2 36.♜g6 ♖f7+ 37.♔e5 ♜g3 0-1

2. A06

So, Wesley (2772) - Caruana, Fabiano (2806)

Saint Louis (blitz) 149/2, 2021

1.♜f3 d5 2.e3 c5 3.b3 ♜c6 4.♙b5 ♙d7 5.♙b2 e6 6.c4

6.O-O - 31/6

6...♜ge7 7.cxd5

7.O-O d4 8.exd4 ♜xd4 9.♜xd4 cxd4 10.♞h5 ♜f5=

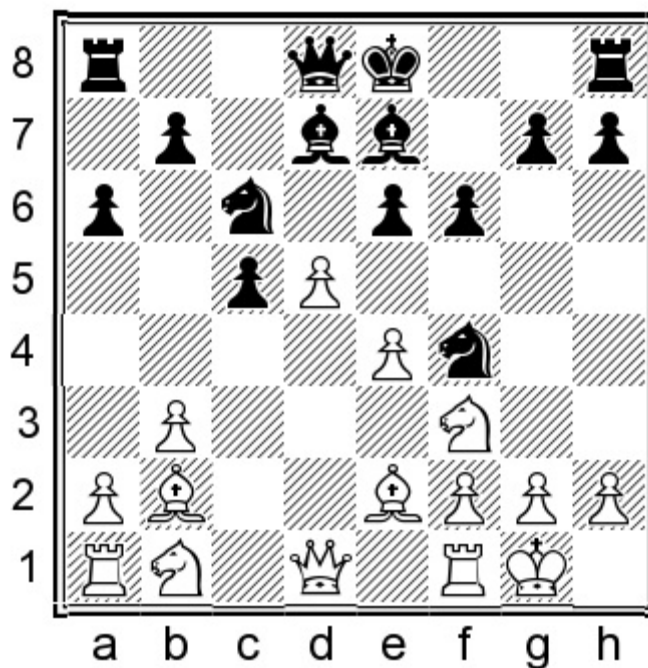
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9...♙d6 10.♙xg7 ♖g8 11.♙b2 e5 12.d3 ♙h3 13.g3 h5!∞ (13...♙xf1 14.♙xf1±)9...♜f6; 9...♖c8

10.d4 ♙e7 11.e4?!

11.dxc5 ♙xc5 12.♞c2 ♞e7 13.♖c1 ♙b6 14.♜c3 ♜xc3 15.♙xc3 O-O 16.b4!±

11...♜f4 12.d5



12...♖d4! 13.♗xd4 cxd4 14.dxe6?!

14.♗xd4 exd5 15.♗f3 ♗b5 16.♖e1 ♘d3 17.♖e3 dxe4 18.♘c3! ♙xd4 19.♘xb5 ♙c5! 20.♗xe4 ♘xf2
21.♙xf2 ♖d8! 22.♙e2 axb5 23.♙f1∞

14...♗xe6 15.♗f3

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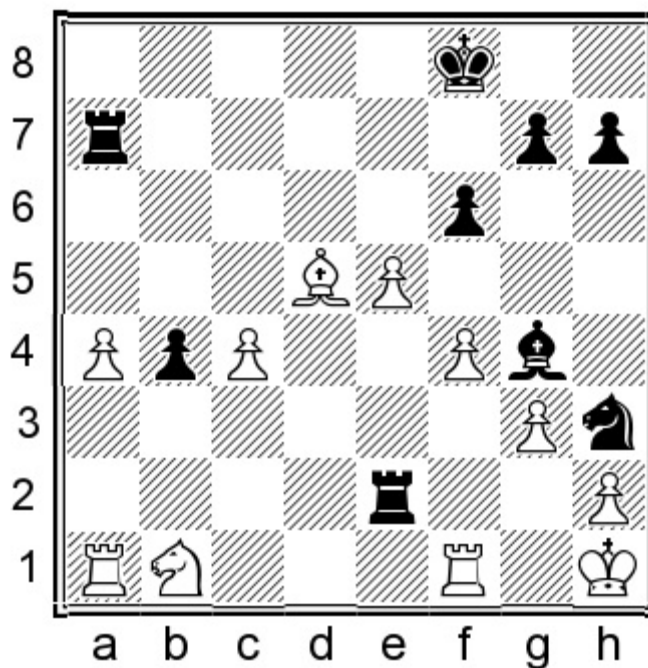
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♖fd8 23.♙c4+ ♙xc4 24.bxc4 ♖ac8 25.♗a3 a5 26.♗xb4 axb4 27.a3 ♖a8??⊕**

27...b3 28.♘c3 ♖xc4 29.♘d5 b2 30.♖ab1 ♖c2 31.♘e3 ♖xg2! 32.♙xg2 ♖d2+ 33.♙h1 ♗e2-+

28.e5 ♖d3 29.♗xb7 ♖a7 30.♗e4??⊕

30.♗d5+ ♙f8 31.♖a2∞

30...♖e3 31.♗d5+ ♙f8 32.a4 ♖e2



33.♔f3??

33.a5

33...♕xf3+ 34.♖xf3 ♖d7 35.♖f1 ♖d3 36.a5 ♖b3 37.♘d2 ♖xd2 38.♖ab1 ♖a3 39.♖a1 ♖xa1 40.♖xa1 b3 41.a6 ♖a2 42.♖b1 b2 43.a7 ♘f2+ 44.♔g2 ♘d3 0-1

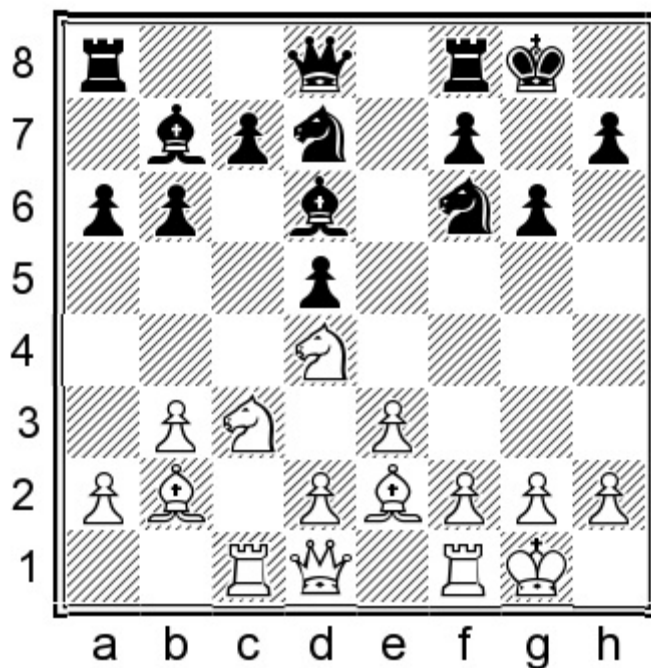
3. A13

Teclaf, Pawel (2514) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2578)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/3-rapid) 149/3, 2021

1.c4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.e3 ♘f6 4.b3 b6 5.♗b2 ♗b7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.♘c3

7.♗b5+ - 28/11

7...♘bd7 8.♖c1 a6 9.♗e2 ♗d6 10.♘d4 g6 11.O-O O-O



12.♖e1N

12.♘f3 ♔e7 13.h3 ♜ae8 14.d3∞

12...♜e8 13.♘f3 ♘e5 14.d3 ♔e7 15.g3

15.♘xe5 ♙xe5 16.♙f3 ♜ad8 (16...c5? 17.d4! ♙d6 (17...♙c7? 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.♘a4+-) 18.♘a4±)
17.♘a4 ♙d6 18.♔c2 ♘d7 19.g3 (19.♔c3 ♙e5 20.♔c2 ♙d6=) 19...h5∞

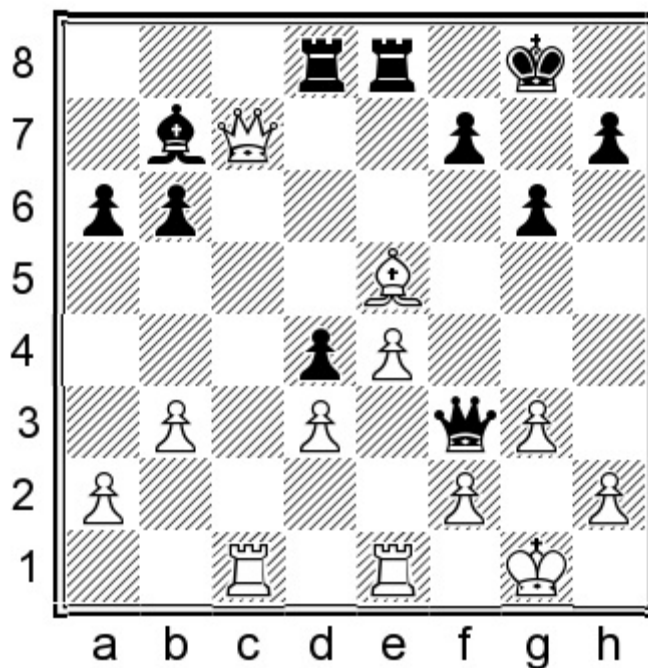
15...♜ad8 16.♘xe5 ♙xe5 17.♙f3 ♘e4 18.♔c2 ♘xc3 19.♙xc3 ♔f6?

♞19...c5 20.h4 ♔f6 21.♙xe5 ♜xe5 (21...♔xf3? 22.♙c7 ♜c8 23.♙xb6±) 22.♙g2=

20.♙xe5 ♔xf3 21.♔xc7??

21.♙xc7! ♜c8 22.♔e2±

21...d4! 22.e4



22...♔c8! 23.g4 ♕xg4 24.♕xd4 ♕h3 25.♖g3 ♖xg3+ 26.hxg3 ♖xd4-+ 27.♞e3 ♞ed8 28.♞c6 ♞xd3 29.♞xd3 ♞xd3 30.♞xb6 ♞d1+ 31.♜h2 ♕f1 32.g4 ♞d2 33.♜g3 ♞xa2 34.e5 ♕b5 35.f4 ♞e2 36.♜f3 ♞e1 37.f5 gxf5 38.gxf5 ♞xe5 39.♜f4 ♞e8 40.♜g5 ♜g7 41.f6+ ♜f8 42.♜h6 ♞e6 43.♞b8+ ♕e8 44.♜g5 h6+ 45.♜f5 ♞c6 46.♜e5 ♞c5+ 47.♜d6 ♞b5 0-1

4. A13

Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Tari, Aryan (2639)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/4, 2021

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5...b5 - 114/(4)

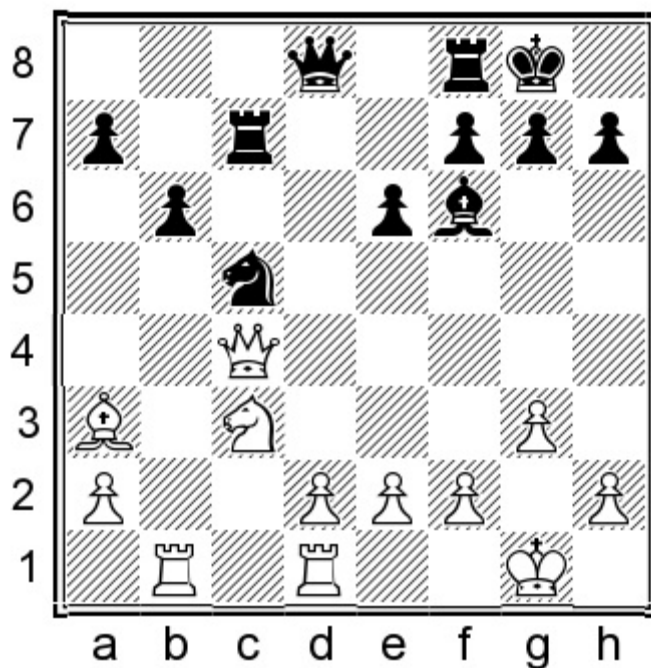
6.b3N

6.♘f3

6...♘f6 7.♕b2 ♕e7 8.♘f3 ♘c6 9.O-O O-O 10.♘e5 ♘xe5 11.♕xe5 ♘d7 12.♕b2 ♞b8 13.♘c3 ♕f6 14.♞ab1 b6 15.b4 ♕b7

15...cxb4 16.♖xb4 ♕b7 17.♕xb7 ♞xb7 18.♘e4 ♕xb2 19.♖xb2 ♘f6 20.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 21.♖xf6 gxf6 22.♞fc1 ♞d8 23.d3 ♞d4 ♠ Ra4=

16.♕xb7 ♞xb7 17.bxc5 ♘xc5 18.♕a3 ♞c7 19.♞fd1



19...♖e8?!

19...♙xc3! 20.♚xc3 ♔d7 21.♞dc1 ♜fc8 22.♚e3 h5!? 23.♞c2 (23.d4?! ♘a4↑) 23...h4 24.♞bc1 hxg3 (24...h3!?) 25.hxg3 ♘a6=

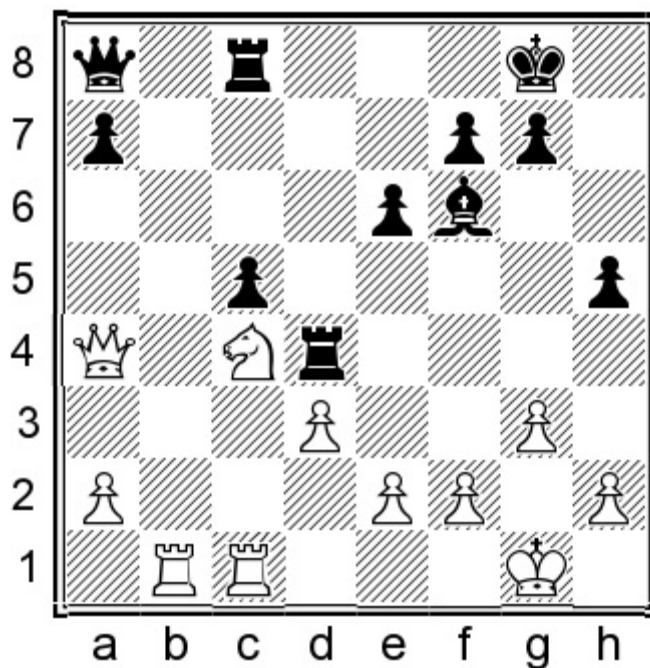
20.♘b5 ♞d7 21.♙xc5 bxc5 22.♚a4!?

22.d3 ♚a5↗

22...♚a8

22...♞xd2 23.♘d6! ♞xd1+ 24.♞xd1 ♞f8 25.♘xf7!±

23.d3 h5! 24.♞dc1 ♞c8 25.♘a3 ♞d4 26.♘c4



26...h4 27.♙b5 ♚d5 28.♙b7 ♜d8 29.♙xd5 exd5 30.♘e3 ♞a4 31.♞c2

31.♞xc5 ♞xa2 32.♞xd5 ♞xd5 33.♘xd5 ♞xe2 34.♘xf6+ gxf6 35.♞a1 hxg3 36.hxg3 ♞e7=

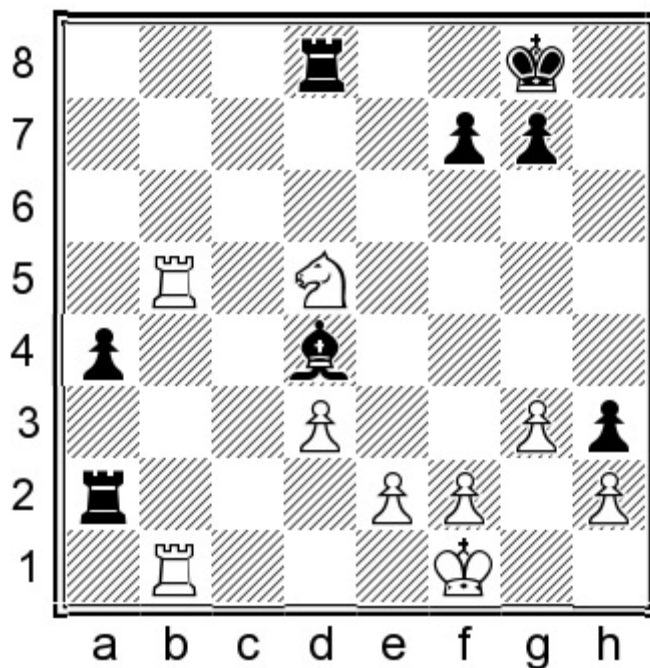
31...h3 32.♙f1 ♙d4 33.♘f5 ♙f6 34.♘e3 ♙d4 35.♘f5 ♙f6 36.♞xc5 ♞xa2 37.♘e3 a5

37...♞e8!? 38.♞xd5 a5

38.♘xd5 ♙d4?

38...a4 39.♘xf6+ gxf6 40.♞cc1 ♞e8 41.e3 ♞a8 42.♞a1 ♞d2 43.♞a3 ♞a5

39.♞cb5 a4



40.♘e7+!

40.♘e7+ ♔f8 (40...♔h7 41.♖h5#) 41.♘c6+-

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5. A14

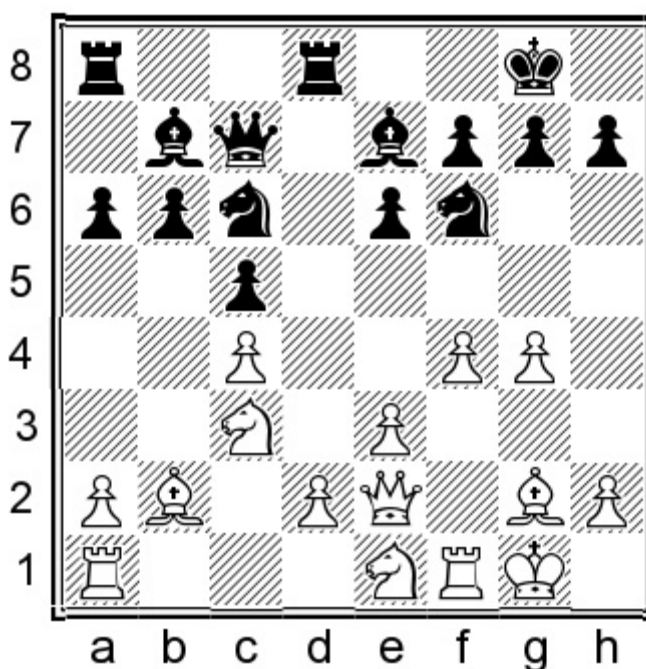
Salem, AR Saleh (2682) - Tang, Andrew (2525)

Biel (open) 149/5, 2021

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.b3 ♘f6 4.g3 ♙e7 5.♙g2 O-O 6.O-O c5 7.♙b2 b6 8.e3 ♘c6 9.♘c3 dxc4 10.bxc4
♙b7 11.♖e2 ♖c7 12.♘e1

12.d3 - 145/3

12...♖fd8 13.f4 a6 14.g4



14...b5!?N

14...♘a5; 14...♖ab8

15.g5!

15.cxb5 axb5 16.♘xb5 ♖a5 (16...♖d7 17.g5 ♘d5 18.♖f2 ♖a4 19.♘c3 ♖b4 20.♘d1 e5 21.a3 ♖b6
22.fxe5 ♙xg5 23.♖h5 h6 24.♘d3 ♖e7 (24...c4 25.♘c5 ♖e7 26.e6 fxe6 27.♘e4±) 25.e6 (25.♘xc5
♖xc5 26.♖xf7+ ♔h8 27.♖c1 ♖a5 28.♖c4 ♘de7 29.♖g4 ♘xe5 30.♖xg5 hxg5 31.♖xe7 ♖xb2 32.♘xb2
♙xg2 33.♔xg2 ♖xd2 34.♖e8+ ♔h7 35.♖h5+=) 25...fxe6 26.♘xc5 ♖xb2 27.♘xb2 ♘f6 28.♖xf6 ♙xf6
29.♖b1 ♙a8 30.♙e4 ♘e5 31.d4 ♙g5!⇐) 17.♖f2 ♖b4 18.♙c3 ♖a4 19.f5 exf5 20.gxf5 ♖ab8 21.♖f4 ♘b4
22.a3 ♙xg2 23.♖xg2 ♖xb5 24.axb4 cxb4 25.♖xb4 ♖xf5 26.♖f4 ♖g6=

15...♘e8?!

15...b4! 16.gxf6 bxc3 17.♙xc3 (17.fxe7? ♜xd2 18.♞h5 cxb2-+) 17...♙xf6 18.♙xf6 gxf6 19.♞b1 ♞ab8 20.♞g4+ ♜f8 21.♞h5 ♞xd2 22.♞xc5+ ♜g7 23.♞f3 ♞dd8! 24.♞g3+ ♜h8 25.♞h5 ♞g8 26.♜d3 ♜a5 27.♜c5 ♙xg2 28.♞xb8 ♞xb8 29.♞xf7 ♞b1+ 30.♜xg2 ♞xg3+ 31.hxg3 ♞c2+ 32.♜h3 ♞f5+ 33.♜h4 ♞xc5 34.♞xf6+=

16.♞f3?

16.cxb5 ♜a5 17.♞b1 ♙xg2 18.♜xg2 e5 19.e4 exf4 (19...axb5) 20.♜d5 ♞xd5 21.exd5 axb5 22.♞xb5 ♜d6 23.♞e2 (23.♞a4 ♞b7 24.♜f3 ♜ac4 25.♞b3 ♞xd5⇌) 23...♜ac4 24.♙e5 ♜xe5 25.♞xe5 c4 26.♜f3 ♙f8 27.♞xf4±

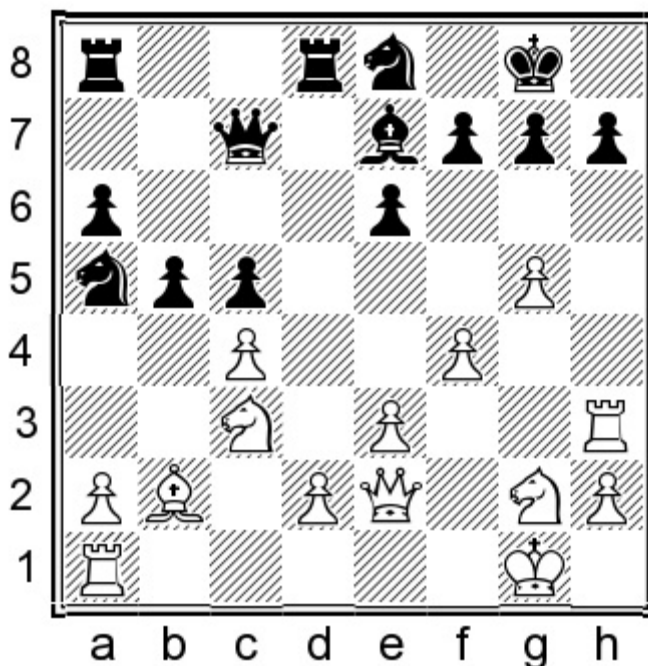
16...♜a5

16...bxc4! 17.♞h3 g6 18.♞f2 f5 19.♜a4 ♙f8 20.♞e2 ♜a5 21.♙e5 ♜d6 22.♙xb7 ♞xb7 23.♜xc5 ♞d5⇌

17.♞h3?!

17.cxb5 ♙xf3 18.♜xf3 ♜d6 19.bxa6 ♜dc4 (19...♞b6 20.♜e5 ♞xb2 21.♞b1 ♞c2 22.♙xa8 ♞xa8 23.♞f3 ♞a7 24.f5 ♜ac4 25.♜xc4 ♜xc4 26.fxe6 ♙d6 27.♞c6 ♙f8 28.♞f1 ♜xd2 29.exf7+ ♞xf7 30.♞xf7 ♜xf7 31.♞d5+ ♜e8 32.a7 ♞c1+ 33.♜g2 ♞f1+ 34.♜g3 ♞g1+ 35.♜h3 ♞f1+ 36.♜g3=) 20.♙c1 ♞c8 21.♙f1 ♜d6 22.♙a3 ♜ac4 23.♙c1 ♜a5=

17...♙xg2 18.♜xg2



18...♜xc4

18...g6! 19.cxb5 axb5 20.♜xb5 ♞d7 21.♞d1 ♜c6 22.♜c3 ♜b4 23.a4 ♜d6 (23...e5 24.♞g3 ♜d3 25.♙a1 ♜g7 26.fxe5 ♜f5 27.♞g4 ♜xe5 28.♞e4=) 24.e4 c4! 25.♜e1 ♞ab8 26.♙a3 ♞c7⇌

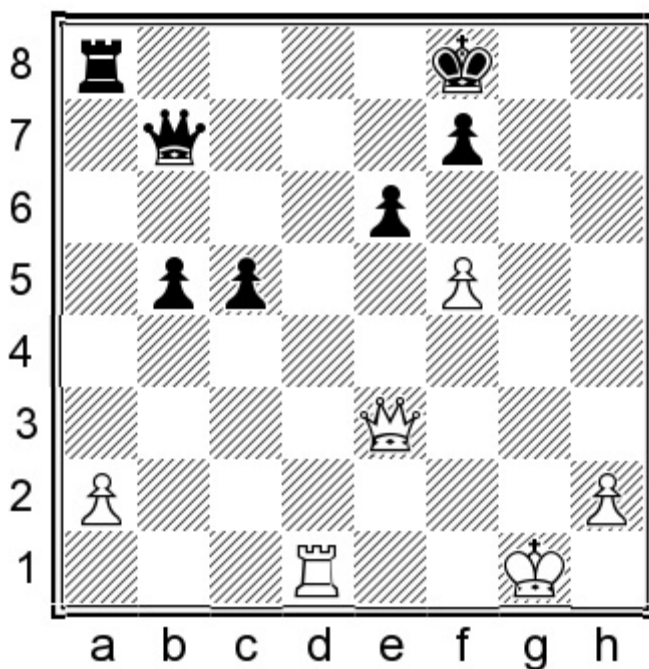
19.♞h5 h6 20.♜xb5 ♞b7 21.gxh6 ♞xd2 22.♞g3 ♙f8 23.♙xg7

23.hxg7 ♖xg7 24.♙xg7 ♙xg7 25.f5 ♖xg2+ 26.♖xg2 exf5 27.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 28.♚g5+ ♕f8 29.♚h6+ ♕g8 30.♚g5+=

23...♖xg7 24.hxg7 ♙xg7 25.f5 ♖xg2+ 26.♖xg2 ♖xe3

26...exf5 27.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 28.♚g5+=

27.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 28.♚g5+ ♕f8 29.♚xe3 axb5 30.♖d1



30...♕g7??

30...f6 31.fxe6 ♚g7+ 32.♔h1 ♚b7+ 33.♔g1 ♚g7+=

31.♚g5+ ♕h7

31...♕f8 32.♚h6+ ♕g8 33.f6+-

32.♖d3 1-0

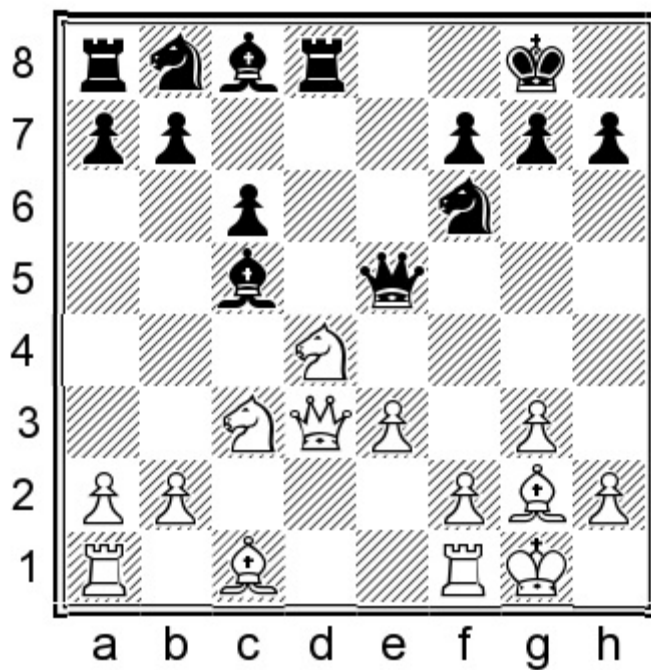
6. * A20

Shankland, Samuel L (2709) - Karjakin, Sergey (2757)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/6, 2021

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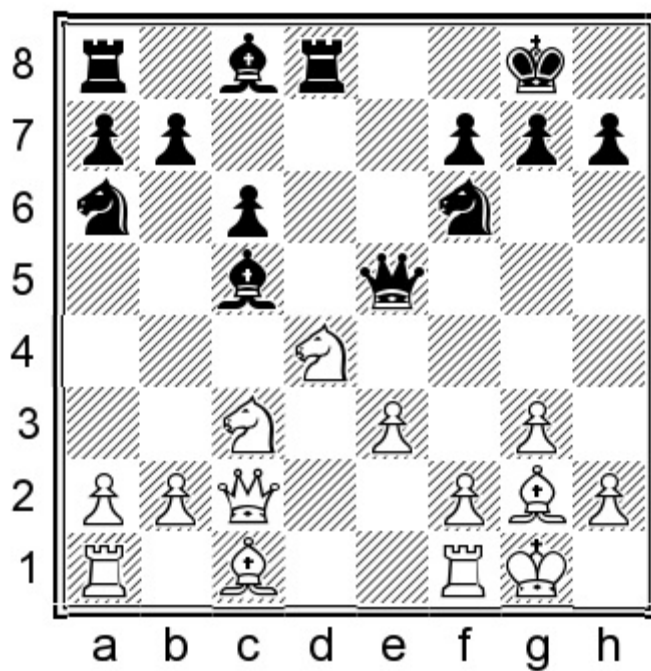
6...♖f6 - 17/42

7.♖c3 ♚e5 8.d3 exd3 9.♚xd3 ♖f6 10.♙g2 O-O 11.O-O ♖d8

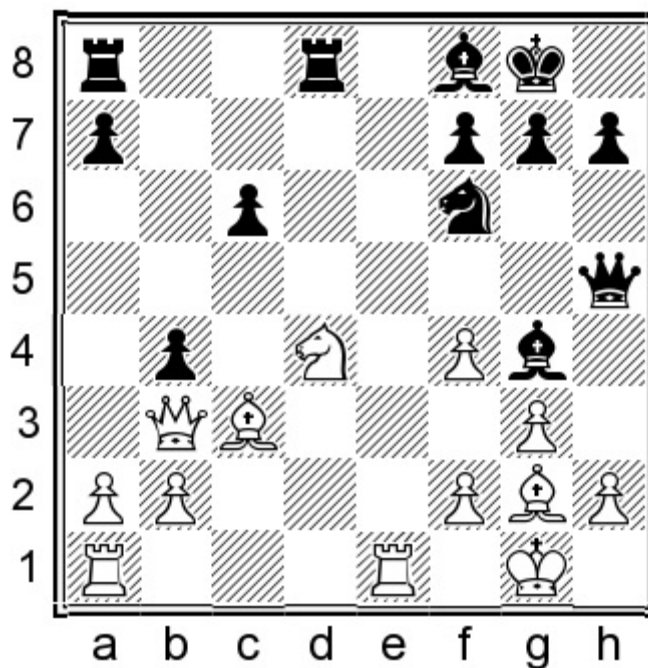


12. ♖f3!?

12. ♔c2 ♘a6



(12...♙f8 13.h3 a5 14.a3 ♘a6 15.f4 ♔c5 16.♙d2 ♘c7 17.♙ad1 ♙d7 18.♙h2 ♙e8 19.♙fe1 h6 20.♙c1 ♙ad8∞) 13.♙ce2N (13.a3) 13...♙b4 14.♙c4 ♙f8 15.♙d2 ♙bd5 16.♙c3?! (16.♙c2 a5=) 16...♙h5 17.♙f4 ♙xf4 18.exf4 ♙g4 19.♙fe1 b5! 20.♙b3 b4



21. ♖xc6 (21. ♖e5 ♜h6 22. ♖xc6 bxc3 23. ♖xd8 ♜xd8 24. ♜xc3 ♙h3) 21...bxc3 22. ♖xd8 ♜xd8
23. ♜xc3 ♜b5 ♙ Safarli, E (2604)-Pranav, V (2366) Beograd) 149/(6) 2021

12...♜xd3 13. ♖xe5 ♜d8 14. b3 ♙e6N

14...♙f5

15. ♙b2 ♖a6

15...♜d2 16. ♜fd1 (16. ♜ad1 ♜xb2 17. ♖a4 ♜xa2 18. ♖xc5 ♖a6 19. ♖xb7 ♙xb3 20. ♜a1 ♜b8 21. ♖a5 ♙e6
22. ♜xa2 ♙xa2 23. ♖axc6 ♜b2 24. ♜c1±) 16...♜xd1+ (16...♜xb2? 17. ♖a4 ♜c2 18. ♖xc5+-) 17. ♜xd1
♖a6 18. ♖e2±

16. ♜ad1 ♙e7 17. ♖e2 ♖b4 18. ♖d4 ♙d5 19. a3 ♖a6

19...♙xg2 20. ♖xg2 ♖bd5 21. ♖f3±

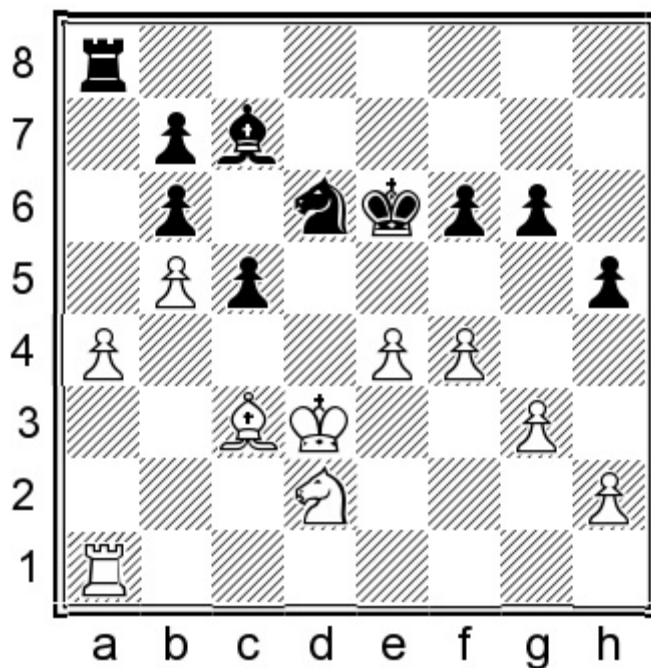
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28. ♖xb6 axb6 29. ♖f3 ♜a8**

29...♖e8 30. ♜a1 f6=

30. ♙e5 ♖e8 31. ♜a1 f6 32. ♙c3 ♖f7 33. ♖d2 ♙d6

33...♖d6 34. e4 f5 35. e5 ♖e4 36. ♖xe4 fxe4

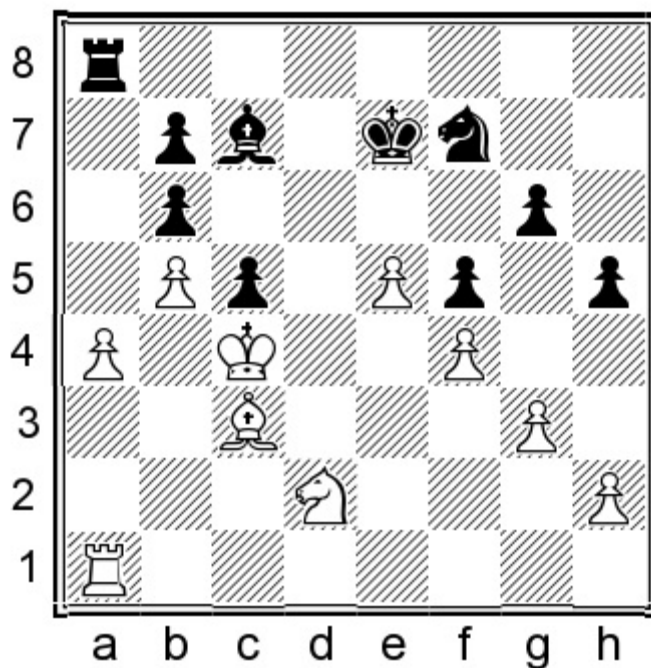
34. ♖f1 ♖e6 35. ♖e2 h5 36. ♖d3 ♙c7 37. f4 ♖d6 38. e4



38...f5?

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39.e5! ♘f7 40.♔c4 ♔e7?



40...g5 41.♘f3 ♕d8 42.♙b3 ♕e7 43.♘d2 (43.♖d1 gxf4 44.gxf4 ♖g8) 43...♕d8 44.♘c4 ♕c7 45.♘e3 ♖d8 46.♖f1 gxf4 47.gxf4 ♖g8 48.♖d1±

41.♘f1! ♘d8 42.♘e3 ♘e6 43.a5! bxa5 44.b6 ♕d8

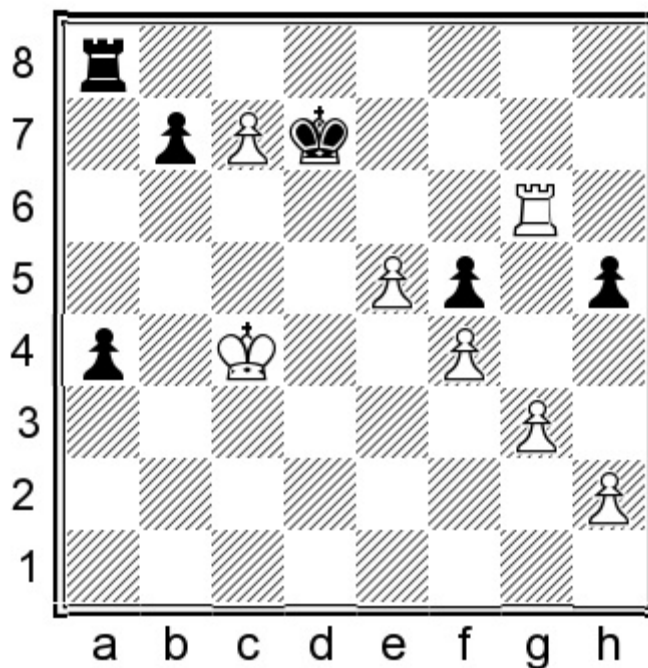
44...♕xb6? 45.♘d5+-

45.♖d1 ♘d4

45...a4 46.♖d6 a3 47.♘d5+ ♙f7 48.♖d7+ ♙e8 49.♖xb7 a2 50.♖a7 ♖b8 51.♖xa2 ♕xb6 52.♖a6+-

46.♘d5+ ♙f7 47.♕xd4 cxd4 48.♖xd4 ♖c8+

48...a4 49.♘c7! ♕xc7 50.bxc7 ♖c8 (50...a3 51.♖d8+-) 51.♖d7+ ♙e6 52.♖g7 b5+ (52...♖a8 53.♖xg6+ ♙d7)



54.♔b5! a3 55.♔b6 a2 56.♞d6+ ♔e7 57.♞d1+-) 53.♔xb5 a3 54.♞xg6+ ♔d7 55.♔b6 a2 56.♞d6+ ♔e7 57.♞d1+-

49.♘c7! ♕xc7

49...♕e7 50.♔b5 ♕b4 51.♞d7+ ♕e7 (51...♔g8 52.♘d5 ♕f8 53.♘f6+ ♔h8 54.♞h7#) 52.♘d5+-

50.♞d7+ ♔e6 51.♞xc7 ♞xc7+

51...♞b8 52.♞g7+-

52.bxc7 ♔d7 53.♔b5 ♔xc7

53...b6 54.♔xb6 a4 55.♔b7+-

54.♔xa5 ♔c6 55.♔b4 ♔b6 56.♔c4 ♔c6 57.♔d4 b5 58.h3!

58.h3 ♔b6 59.♔d5 b4 60.♔c4 ♔a5 61.e6+-

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7. * A20

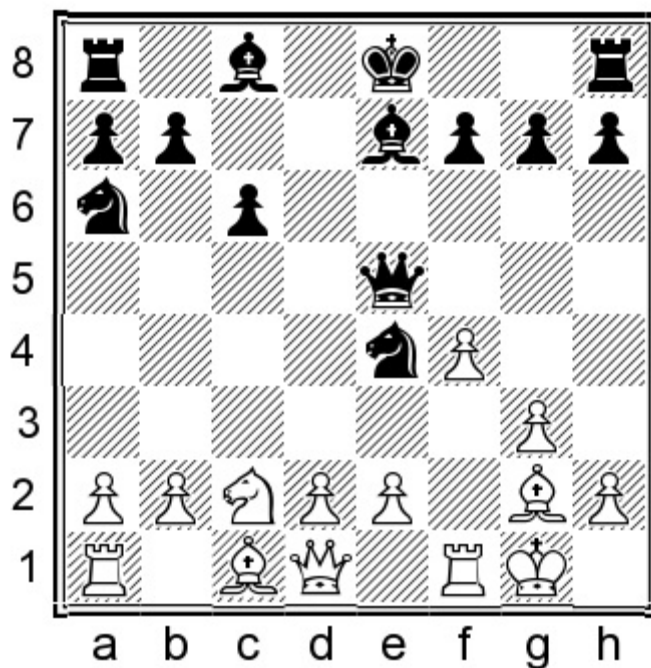
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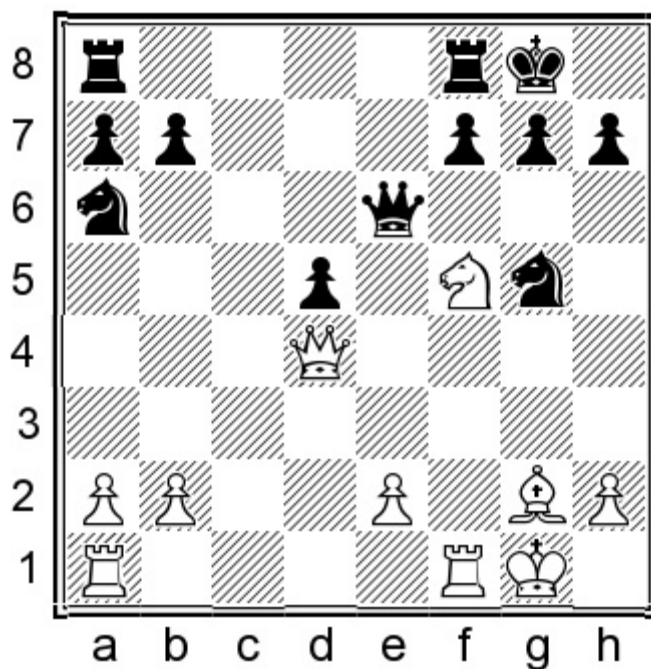
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10...♘xe4 11.f4



11...♙c5+N

11...♙e6 - 149/(7) 12.f5 ♖d5 13.d4! [Δ Ne3] (13.d3? ♙xf5 14.dxe4 ♙xe4±) 13...♙f6 14.g4! O-O
 (14...h6?! 15.♖f4!) 15.g5 ♙xg5 (15...♙e7 16.♘e3 ♖d8 17.♙xe4 ♙xg5∞) 16.♙xg5 ♙xf5 17.♘e3 ♖e6
 18.d5 cxd5 19.♘xf5 ♘xg5 20.♖d4



20...♖f6 (20...♖b6 21.♖xb6 axb6 22.♘e7+ ♔h8 23.♘xd5±) 21.♖xf6 gxf6 22.♘e7+ ♔g7 23.♘xd5±
 Van Foreest,J (2701) -Navara,D (2697) Praha 149/(7) 2021; 11...♖d5 12.d3 ♙c5+ 13.♘e3

12.d4 ♖e7 13.dxc5 ♘axc5 14.♖d4! f5 15.b4 ♘d7 16.♘e3

16.♙xe4! fxe4 17.♘e3 ♘f6 18.f5 O-O 19.♙b2±

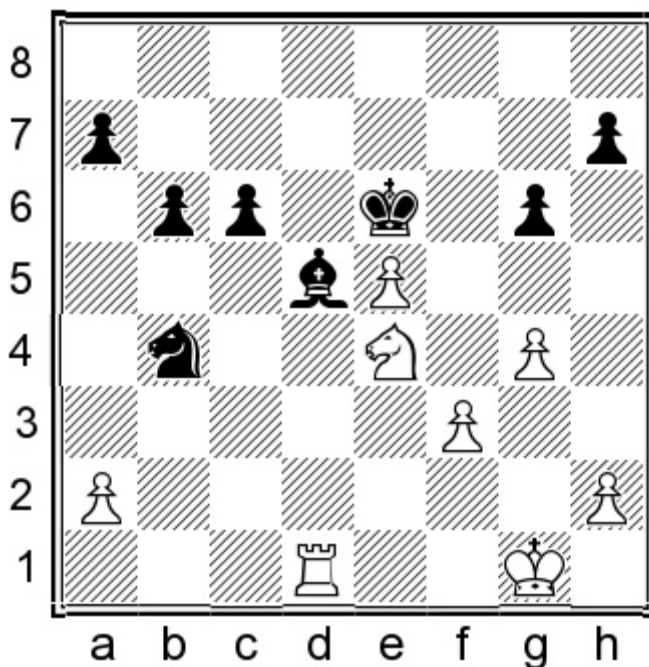
16...♖df6 17.♔e5 g6

♘17...♙f7 18.♔xe7+ ♙xe7 19.b5 cxb5 20.♙a3+ ♙f7 21.♖fc1↑

18.♙b2 ♖f8 19.♖ad1 ♙e6 20.g4! ♖d5 21.♖c4

21.♙xe4 fxe4 22.♙d4 ♖xe3 23.♙xe3 b6 (23...♙xg4 24.♔xe7+ ♙xe7 25.♙c5+) 24.f5 ♙d5 25.♔c3±

21...♖xb4 22.♖a5 b6 23.♙xe4 fxe4 24.♖b7! ♙d5 25.♖d6+ ♙d7 26.♖xe4± ♖ae8 27.♖f3 ♔xe5
28.♙xe5 ♖xe5 29.fxe5 ♖xf3 30.exf3 ♙e6



31.f4! ♙xe4 32.♖d6+ ♙e7 33.♖d4 ♙f3 34.♖xb4 ♙xg4 35.♙f2 ♙e6 36.♙e3 ♙d5 37.f5! gxf5 38.♖h4
♙xa2 39.♖xh7+ ♙f7 40.♙f4 ♙e6 41.♖h6+ ♙d5 42.♙xf5 a5 43.e6 1-0

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8. ** A28

Vakhidov, Jahongir (2534) - Ponkratov, Pavel (2629)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/3-rapid) 149/8, 2021

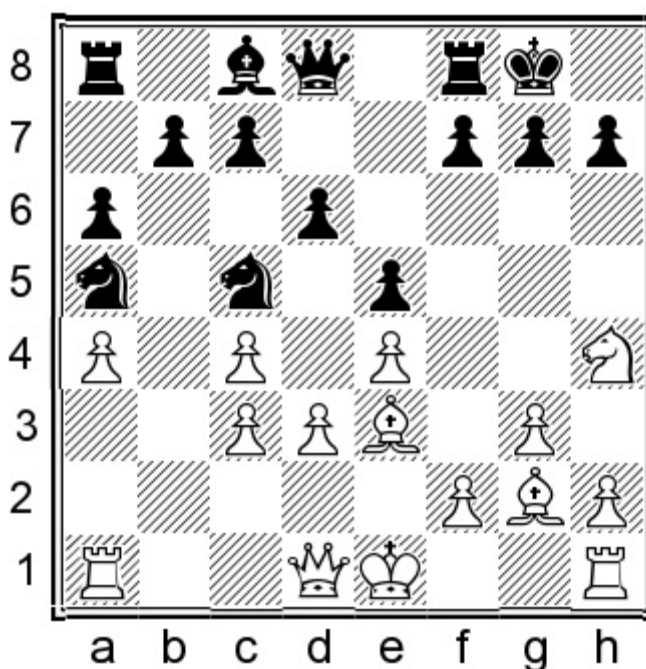
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.e4 ♙b4 5.d3 d6 6.a3 ♙xc3+ 7.bxc3 O-O

7...h6 - 125/8

8.g3 ♘d7 9.♙g2 a6 10.a4 ♘c5 11.♘h4 ♘a5

11...♘e7 12.♙e3 b6 13.O-O a5 14.d4 ♘d7 15.f4 ♙a6 16.♚b3±

12.♙e3

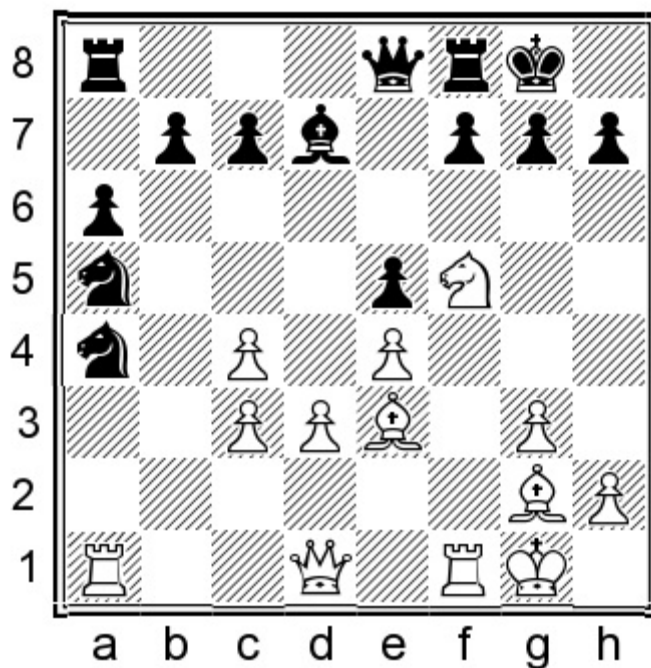


12...♙d7!?N

12...c6? 13.O-O b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.cxb5 cxb5 16.f4 ♚c7 17.♘f5±

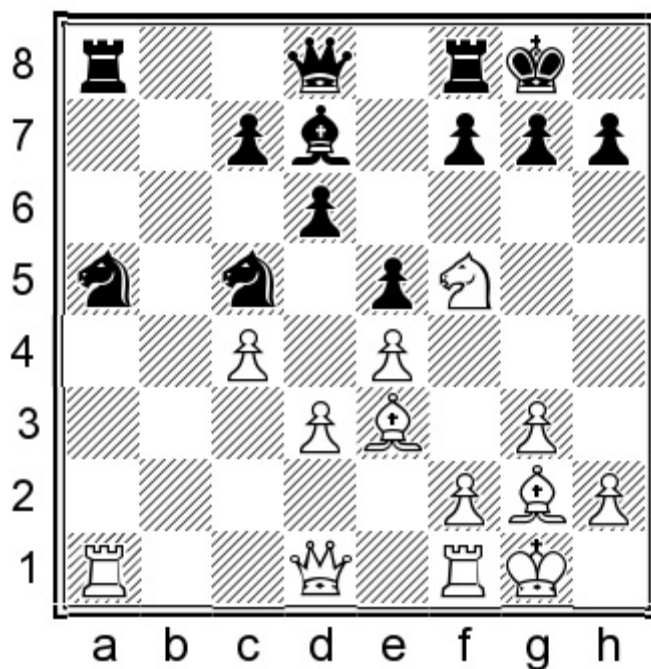
13.O-O b5 - 149/(8)

13...b6 14.f4 ♚e8 (14...exf4 15.♙xf4 ♚e8 16.♚e2 ♘xa4 17.♙af1 f6 18.g4 ♘c5 (18...g5? 19.♙xf6 ♙xf6 20.♙xf6 gxf4 21.e5 ♘xc3 (21...♙c6 22.♙f5! ♙xg2 23.♙g5+ ♘h8 24.♙d4+-) 22.♚f2 ♙c6 23.♙f5!+-) 19.♙f2 (Δ g5→) 19...♘e6 20.♘f5 Δ h4, g5→) 15.♙xc5 (15.f5 ♙xa4 16.♚e2) 15...bxc5 16.f5 g5 17.♘f3 f6 18.♘e1 ♙b8 19.♙f3 ♙b2 20.♚c1 ♙b6 21.♙a2 Δ Ng2-e3±; 13...♚e8N 14.f4 ♘xa4 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.♘f5



16...♙xf5? (16...f6=) 17.exf5+- Vivas Zamora,F (2344) -Eynullayev,A (2227) chess. com (Int.-blitz) 149/(8) 2021

14.axb5 axb5 15.cxb5 ♙xb5 16.c4 ♙d7 17.♘f5



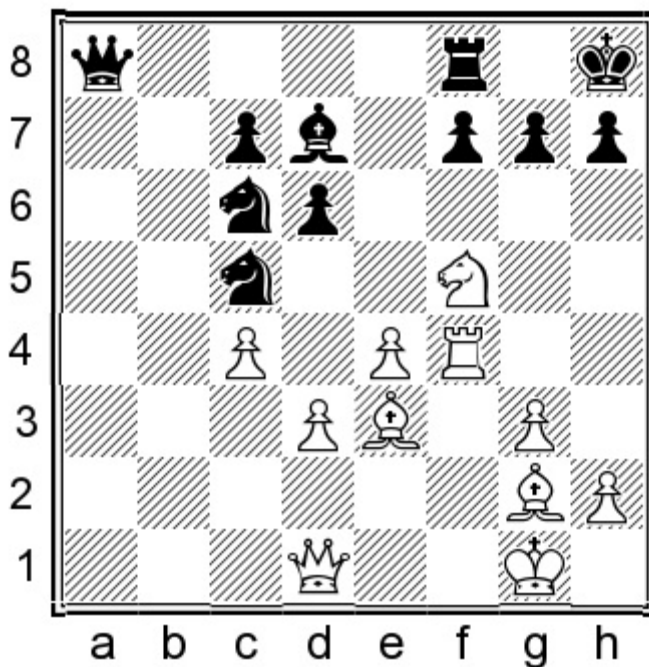
17...♙h8N

17...♘e6 - 149/(8) 18.♙g4 ♙h8 19.f4 ♘c6 20.♙xa8 ♙xa8 21.fxe5 ♘xe5 22.♙e2 ♙a6 23.d4 ♙xc4 24.♙b2 ♘d3 25.♙a1 f6 26.♙d1 ♘b4 27.♙c1 ♙b5 28.d5 ♘c5= Usmanov, V (2443)-Esipenko,A (2701) Russia 149/(8) 2021

18.f4 exf4?!

18...♖e6 19.♔c2 ♘c6∞

19.♖xf4 ♘c6 20.♖xa8 ♔xa8



21.d4?!

21.♖h4! ♖b8 22.♔h5 ♖b1+ 23.♙f1 ♔g8 24.d4 ♙xf5 (24...♘d3?! 25.♖g4! ♙xf5 26.exf5±) 25.exf5 ♘d7 26.♙g5↑

21...♔a3! 22.♙c1 ♔d3 23.♔h5?

23.♖f1 ♙xf5 24.dxc5 ♔xd1 25.♖xd1 ♙g4 26.♖d5 ♖b8 27.♙e3 ♖b1+ 28.♙f2 ♖b2+ 29.♙g1 ♖b1+ 30.♙f2=

23...♙xf5 24.exf5 ♘xd4 25.♙f1 ♔c3 26.f6 g6 27.♔h6 ♘ce6+ 28.♖f2 ♘f5

28...♘f3+ 29.♙h1 ♖b8-+

29.♔d2 ♔xd2 30.♙xd2 h5 31.♙d3 ♘fd4 32.♙e4 ♖b8 33.♙g2 ♙g8

33...♘c5 34.♙d5 (34.♙xg6 fxg6 35.♙c3 ♘ce6-+) 34...♘d3-+

34.h3 ♘c5 35.♙xg6 fxg6 36.f7+ ♙g7 37.f8=♔+ ♖xf8 38.♙h6+ ♙xh6 39.♖xf8 ♙g7 40.♖f1 ♘d7 41.♖a1 ♙f6 42.♖a7 ♘e6 0-1

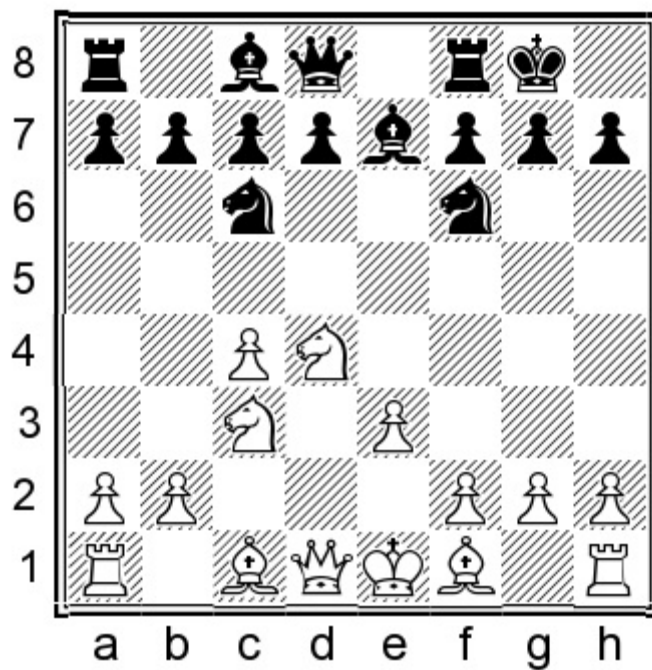
9. A28

Cori Tello, Jorge Moises (2652) - Mareco, Sandro (2629)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/9, 2021

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.e3 ♙e7

4...♙b4 - 148/7

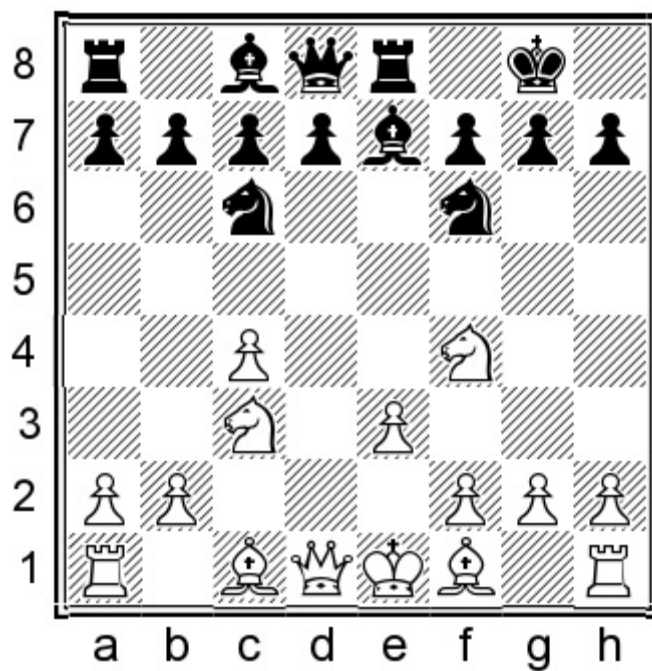
5.d4 exd4 6.♘xd4 O-O



7.♘de2!? [Δ Nf4, ×d5] 7...♖e8

7...♘e5!? 8.♘f4 c6 9.♙e2 g5! 10.♘h3 d5! 11.♘xg5 dxc4 12.O-O ♘d5 13.♘xd5 ♔xd5∞

8.♘f4



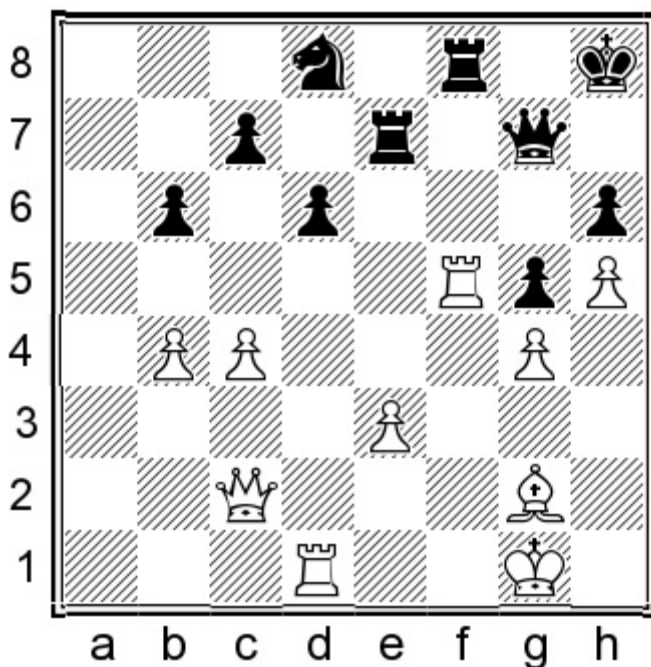
8...♙b4N

8...♘e5 9.♙e2 c6 10.O-O a6 11.b3 b5 12.♙b2 d6 13.♔c2 ♘g6= - 38/(35); 8...♙f8 9.♙e2 g6 10.b3 ♙g7 11.♙b2±

9.♔d2 d6 10.♙e2 ♙xc3 11.♙xc3 ♘e4 12.♖c1 b6 13.O-O ♘xc3 14.♖xc3 ♙b7 15.♚d2± a5 16.♘d5 h6
 17.♖d1 ♘e5 18.♚d4 ♘d7 19.b3 ♘c5 20.♙f3 ♘e6 21.♚g4 ♘g5 22.♘e7+ ♚xe7 23.♙xb7 ♖ad8
 24.♙c6 ♖f8 25.♖cd3 f5 26.♚h5 ♘h8 27.g3 ♚f6 28.♚e2 ♚g6 29.♙g2 ♖de8 30.h4 ♘e4 31.♚c2 ♖e7
 32.a3 ♚f6 33.♖d4 g5 34.h5 ♘c5 35.b4 axb4 36.axb4 ♘e6 37.♖d5 f4 38.g4 fxe3?!

38...♘g7=

39.fxe3 ♚g7 40.♖f5 ♘d8?!



41.c5! ♖xf5

41...bxc5 42.bxc5 dxc5 (42...♖xe3 43.cxd6 cxd6 44.♖xd6) 43.♖xf8+ ♚xf8 44.♚c3+ ♔g8 45.♙d5+
 ♔h7 46.♚xc5+-

42.cxd6! cxd6 43.♚xf5 ♖f7 44.♚d5 ♖f6 45.♚d4+- ♚e7 46.♚xb6 ♘f7 47.♚d4 ♘e5 48.b5 ♚c7 49.b6
 ♚c2 50.♚d2 ♚b3 51.b7 ♘xg4 52.♖c1 ♖f8 1-0

10. A29

Navara, David (2697) - Shankland, Samuel L (2691)
 Praha 149/10, 2021

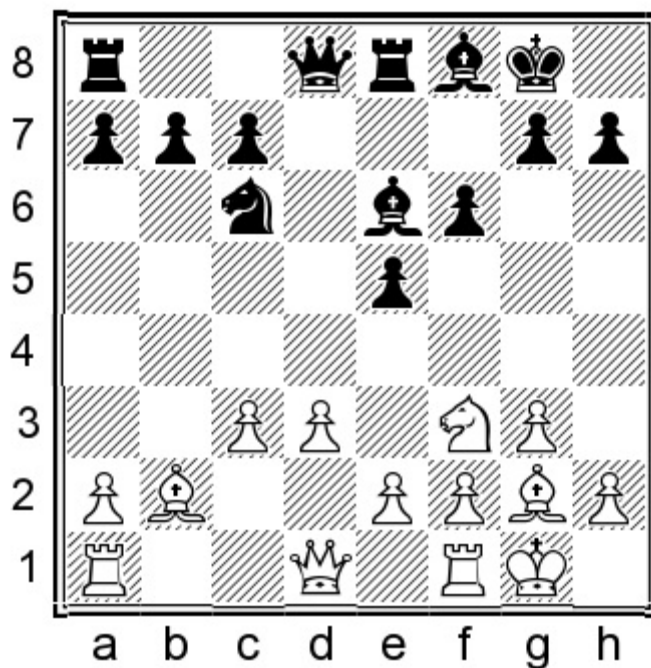
1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♙g2 ♙c5 7.O-O O-O 8.d3

8.♘xd5 ♚xd5 9.d3 ♙b6 10.b4!? - 133/17

8...♖e8 9.♙g5

9.♙d2 ♘xc3 10.♙xc3 - 138/17

9...♘xc3 10.bxc3 f6 11.♙c1 ♙e6 12.♙b2 ♙f8



12...♙b6 - 138/16

13.♙c2!?N

13.a4 ♖d7 14.d4 ♜ad8 15.a5 ♙c4 16.♘d2 ♙f7 17.e3 b6 18.axb6 cxb6∞

13...♙d7 14.♞fd1 ♙f7 15.e4?!

15.♘d2!?

15...♘a5

15...♙xa2 16.c4 ♘b4 17.♙c3 a5 18.♙a3 (18.♙a3 b5 19.cxb5 c6 20.bxc6 ♜ec8∞) 18...b5 19.♞xa2 ♘xa2 20.♙xa2 a4 21.d4 b4∞

16.♘d2

16.d4 ♘c4 17.d5 ♙d7 18.♙c1 a5 19.a4 ♙c5 20.♘d2 ♘b6 21.♘f1 f5∞

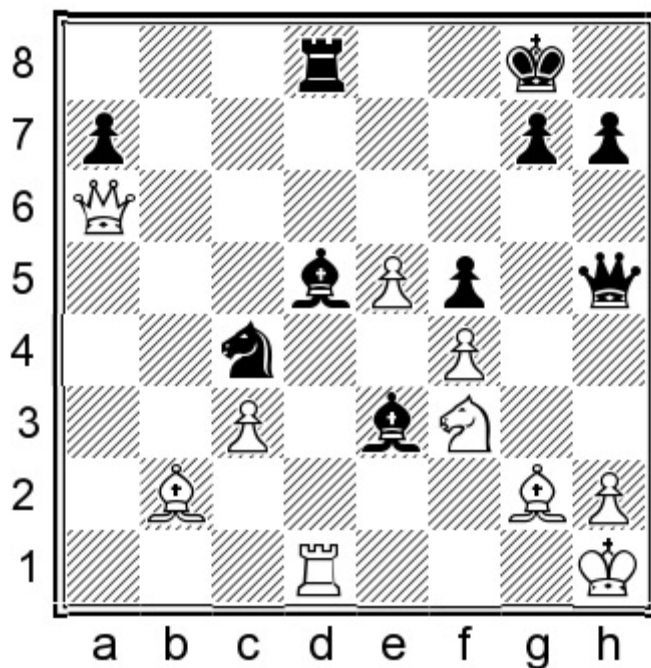
16...♞ad8 17.d4

17.♘f1 b6 18.♙c1 (18.♘e3?! ♙xa2+) 18...c6 (18...c5 19.♘e3∞) 19.♘e3 b5 20.d4∞

17...c6 18.f4 exf4 19.gxf4 f5! 20.e5 c5 21.♘f3 ♙e7 22.♙h1 ♘c4 23.♙e2 ♙h5↑ 24.a4 ♘b6 25.dxc5 ♙xc5 26.♙b5?

26.a5 ♙c4 27.♙e1 ♘d5 28.♙c1 h6+

26...♙e3 27.♞xd8 ♞xd8 28.a5 ♘c4 29.a6 bxa6 30.♙xa6 ♙d5 31.♞d1



31...♙d2!

31...♙xf3? 32.♖xd5 ♕d1+ 33.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 34.♙f1 ♖xf1+ 35.♔g2 ♖f2+ 36.♔g3 ♜xb2 37.♕c8+ ♔f7 38.♕d7+ ♔f8 39.e6+-; 31...♜d2! 32.♕e2 (32.♖xd2 ♙xd2 33.♕a5 ♖d7-+) 32...♜xf3 33.h3 (33.♖xd5? ♕xh2#) 33...♕h4-+

32.♙c1 ♔h8!

32...♙xc1?? 33.♖xd5 ♖xd5 34.♕e6+--

33.♖xd2

33.♙xd2 ♙xf3-+

33...♜xd2 34.♕a5

34.♜xd2 ♙xg2+ 35.♔xg2 ♕g4+ 36.♔f2 ♕xf4+-+

34...♖d7 0-1

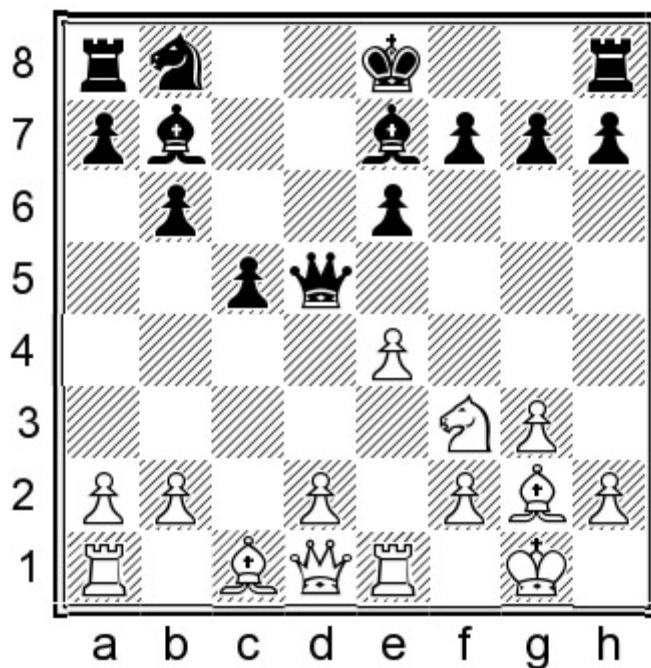
11. A30

Gukesh, Dommaraju (2578) - Stukan, Martin (2443)
Riga 149/11, 2021

1.c4 e6 2.♜c3 c5 3.♜f3 ♜f6 4.g3 b6 5.♙g2 ♙b7 6.O-O ♙e7 7.♖e1 d5 8.cxd5 ♜xd5 9.♜xd5

9.e4 - 144/11

9...♕xd5 10.e4

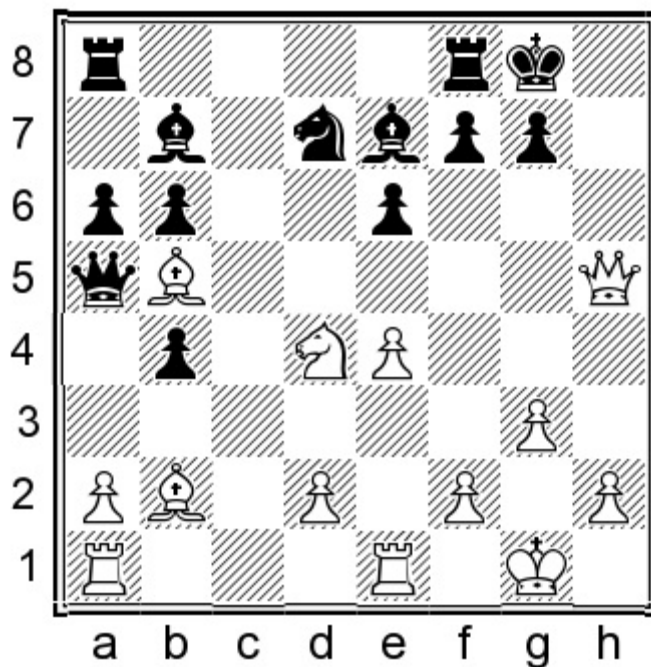


10...Qd3!?N

10...Qd8 - 101/(15)

11.b4 cxb4 12.Bb2 O-O 13.Ne5?!

13.Nd4 Nc6!? (13...Qa6 14.Qg4 h5! (14...Bf6? 15.e5 Bc7 16.Nxe6! fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Bf7 18.Bd5! Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Nc6 20.Qxc6+-) 15.Qxh5 Nd7 16.Bf1 b5! (16...Qa5 17.Bb5! Nf6 (17...a6?



18.Nf5! exf5 19.Bxd7 Bxe4 20.Rxe4! fxe4 21.Bf5+-) 18.Qe2 a6 19.Bc6±) 17.Bxb5 (17.a4 bxa3 18.Bxa3 Bxa3 19.Nxb5 Nf6 20.Qh4 Bxe4 21.Rxa3 Qc6∞; 17.Nf3!?) 17...Qd6) 14.Bf1 Qxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxd4

13...♖d8 14.d4 ♘d7 15.♘xd7 ♜xd7 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 ♜fe8

♞17...♙c5 18.♞e4 (18.♞h5 h6 (18...a5? 19.♙xg7! ♔xg7 20.♞g5+ ♕h8 21.♞f6+ ♕g8 22.♞e5=) 19.♞e5 f6♠) 18...f6♠

18.♞e4?

18.d6! ♙f8! 19.♞xe8 ♞xe8 20.♙xb7 ♞xb7 21.♙e5! f6 22.♞c1! fxe5 (22...♞f7 23.♞c7 ♞e6 24.♙f4 a5∞ (24...g5 25.♞d3 ♞e1+ 26.♕g2 ♞e4+ 27.♞xe4 ♞xe4 28.d7 ♞d4 29.♙e3 ♞d6 30.♞xa7±)) 23.♞c7 ♞e4 24.d7 ♞d8 25.♞b3+ ♕h8 26.♞c8 ♞e1+ 27.♕g2 ♞e4+ 28.♕g1= (28.f3? ♞e2+ 29.♕h3 ♞f1+ 30.♕g4 h5+ 31.♕g5 ♙e7+ 32.♕g6 ♞b5--))

18...♞ad8

18...a5!

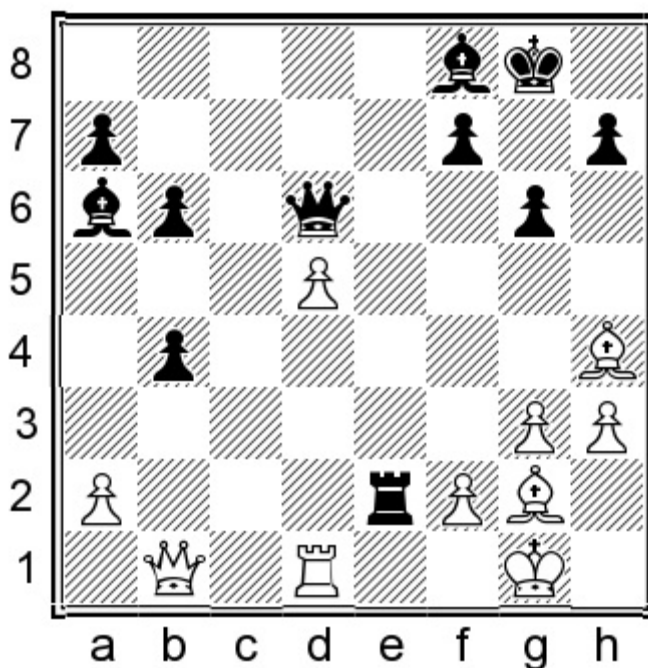
19.♞g4 ♙f8 20.♙f6 ♞c8 21.♞d4

21.♙b2 a5♠

21...g6 22.♞h4 ♞d6

22...♞c2 23.♙f3 (23.♞xh7? ♕xh7 24.♞h4+ ♙h6--)) 23...♙a6♠

23.h3 ♙a6 24.♞d1 ♞c4 25.♞b2 ♞xh4 26.♙xh4 ♞e2 27.♞b1



27...♞e8?

27...♞xf2! 28.♕xf2 (28.g4 ♞e2--)) 28...♞c5+ 29.♕f3 ♞c3+ 30.♕f4 (30.♕f2 ♙c5+-) 30...♙d6+ 31.♕g4 h5+ 32.♕g5 ♞e5+ 33.♕h6 ♙f8#

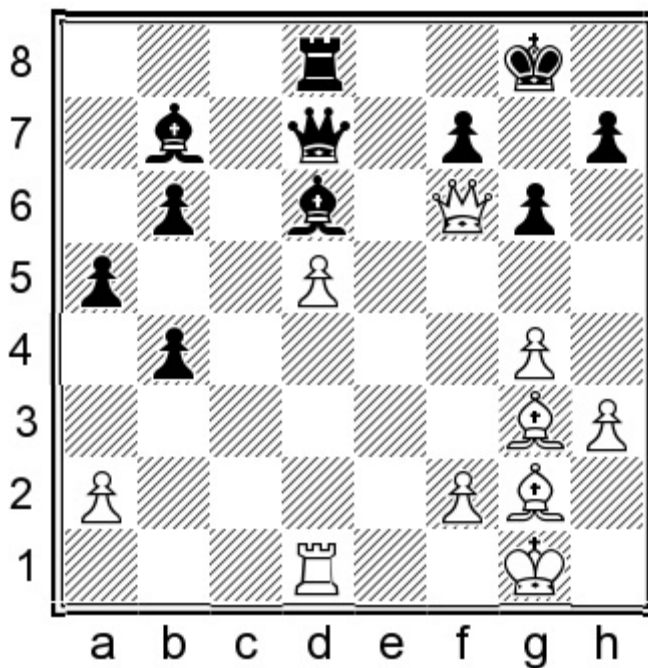
28.g4 ♙b7?

28...♖c5 29.♗g3 ♗e2 30.♞e1 ♗d3 31.♞a1 ♞xe1+ 32.♞xe1 ♗c4±

29.♞d3≡ ♞d7 30.♗f6

30.d6 ♗xg2 31.♔xg2≡

30...♞d6 31.♞b5 ♞c8 32.♗h4 a6 33.♞e2 a5 34.♗g3 ♞d7 35.♞e3 ♗c5 36.♞f4 ♞d8 37.♞f6 ♗d6?



37...♞e8! 38.♗e5 ♞xe5 39.♞xe5 ♞d6≡

38.♞e1!+- ♗xg3

38...h6 39.♗xd6 ♞xd6 40.♞e8+!+-

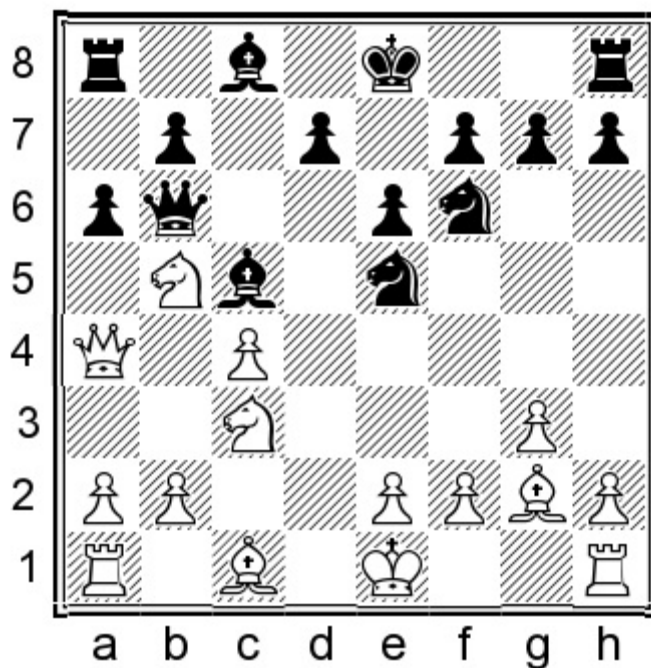
39.♞e7 1-0

12. A33

Nihal, Sarin (2620) - Raja, Rithvik R (2408)

Beograd 149/12, 2021

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 e6 6.g3 ♞b6 7.♘db5 ♘e5 8.♗g2 a6 9.♞a4 ♗c5?!



9...Rb8 - 136/18

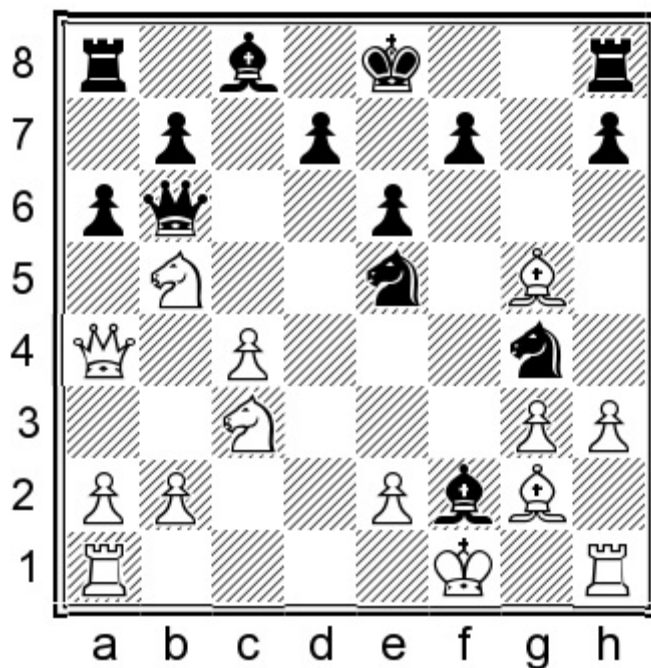
10. Qf4!

10.O-O Nxc4 11.Qxc4 axb5 12.Qxb5 O-O! (12...Qxb5?! 13.Nxb5 Qe7 14.Qd2 d5 (14...Rd8?! 15.a4 d5 16.Rfc1 b6 17.b4 Qd6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.b5± - 48/44) 15.Rfc1 b6 16.b4 Qd6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.b5±) 13.e4 Qxb5 14.Nxb5 d6=

10...Qxf2+?

10...Nfg4 11.h3 g5 (11...Qxf2+ 12.Qf1; 11...Nxf2 12.Qxe5+-) 12.Qxg5 Nxf2 13.Qf6 Nxh1 14.Qxe5±

11. Qf1 Nfg4 12.h3 g5 13.Qxg5



13...Rb8N

13...Qxg3 14.c5!! Qxc5 15.Ne4+- - 141/12

14.c5! Qxc5 15.hxg4 axb5 16.Qf4 d6 17.Ne4 Ng6 18.Nf6+ Qd8

18...Qf8 19.Qh6+ Qe7 20.Qg5+-

19.Nxh7+ Qc7 20.Qxf7+ Qd7 21.Qxg6 Rhg8 22.Qf7 1-0

13. A33

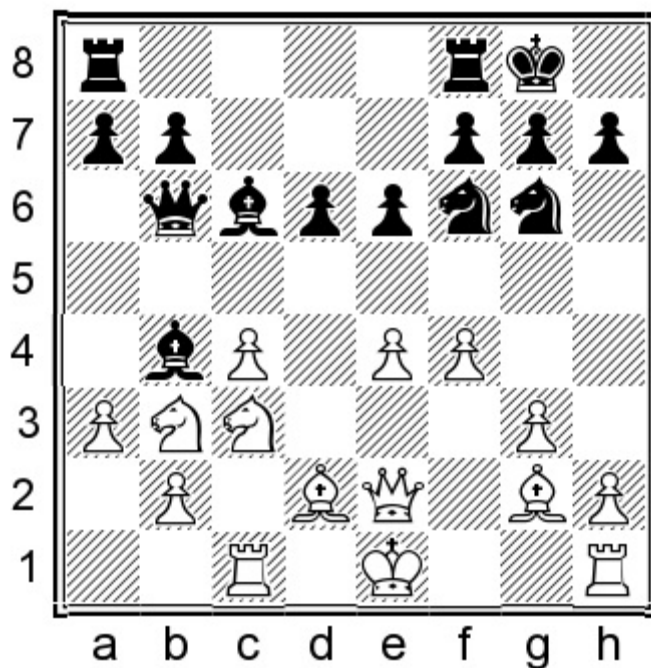
Caruana, Fabiano (2806) - So, Wesley (2772)

Saint Louis 149/13, 2021

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e6 6.g3 Qb6 7.Nb3 Ne5 8.e4 Qb4 9.Qe2 d6
10.Qd2 O-O 11.Qg2 Qd7 12.f4 Ng6!?

12...Nc6 - 78/34

13.Rc1 Qc6 14.a3

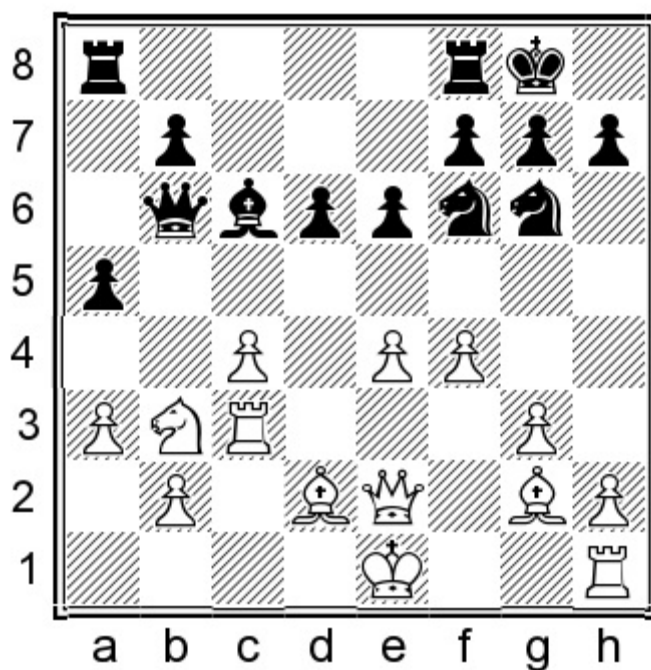


14.♘d1 a5↑; 14.♘d4!? d5 (14...♙xd4?! 15.♙e3 ♙xc3+ 16.bxc3 ♙xe4 17.♙xe4 ♘xe4 18.O-O f5 19.c5!?±) 15.♙e3 ♙c5 16.cxd5 ♙xd4 (16...♙xd5 17.exd5 ♙xd4 18.♙xd4 ♙xd4 19.dxe6 ♖ae8 20.f5 ♘e7 21.♙h3 fxe6 22.fxe6 ♙b6∞) 17.♙xd4 ♙xd4 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.♙f2 ♙c4 20.b3 ♙b4 21.O-O ♖fd8∞

14...♙xc3N

14...♙xa3

15.♖xc3 a5



15...Bac8!? 16.Ke3 Qa6 17.Kf2 (17.Kd2 Bfd8 Δ d5) 17...b5 18.c5 d5 19.e5 d4 20.Kxd4 Kd5 21.Bf3 Kde7 22.Bc3=

16.Ke3! Ba6

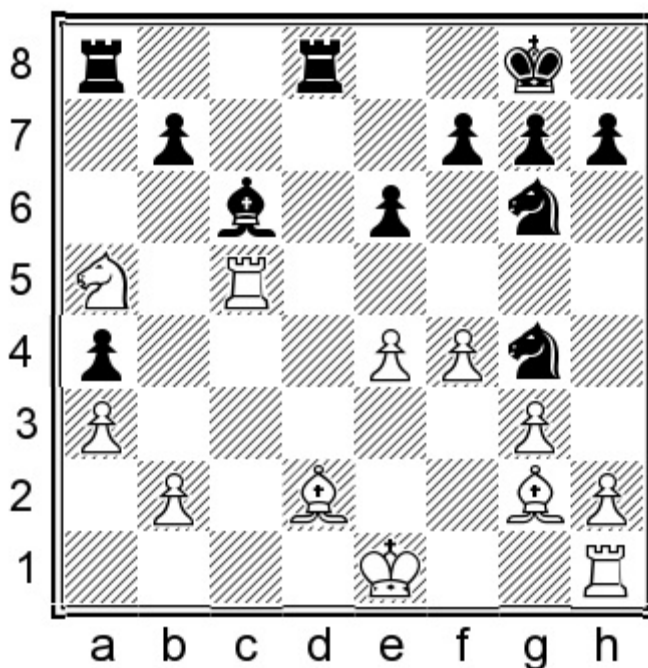
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17.c5

17.Qxb6 Bxb6 18.Ke3 Ba6 19.Kd2±

17...dxc5 18.Kxc5 Baa8 19.Kb3 Qxe3+ 20.Bxe3 Kg4 21.Bc3 Bfd8 22.Bc4

22.O-O? a4-+; 22.Kc5 a4 23.Kf3 h5∞; 22.Bc5 a4 23.Ka5



23...Kf2! 24.Kxc6 bxc6 25.O-O Kxe4 26.Ke4 Bxd2 27.Kxc6 Bc8 28.Bfc1 Bxb2 29.Kxa4 Bxc5 30.Bxc5 Ba2 31.Bc8+ Kf8 32.Bc3 Kg6=

22...Kb5

22...e5! 23.f5 (23.Kxa5? Bd3 24.Bc3 Be3+! 25.Kd2 exf4 26.gxf4 Bxc3 27.Kxc3 Bd8+ (27...Kxf4 28.Kf3) 28.Kd4 Kxf4 29.Kf3 Ke6 30.Kxg4 Kxd4) 23...Ke7 24.Kf3 Bd3 25.Kxg4 Bxb3 26.Kc3 f6∞

23.Bc5 Ka4 24.h3 Kf6

24...b6! 25.Bc3 Kf6∞

25.e5 Kd5

25...Kd7 26.Bc3 Kc6 27.Kxc6 bxc6 28.Ke2± (28.Bxc6 Bdb8 29.Bc3 a4 30.Kd4 Bxb2 31.Kf2∞)

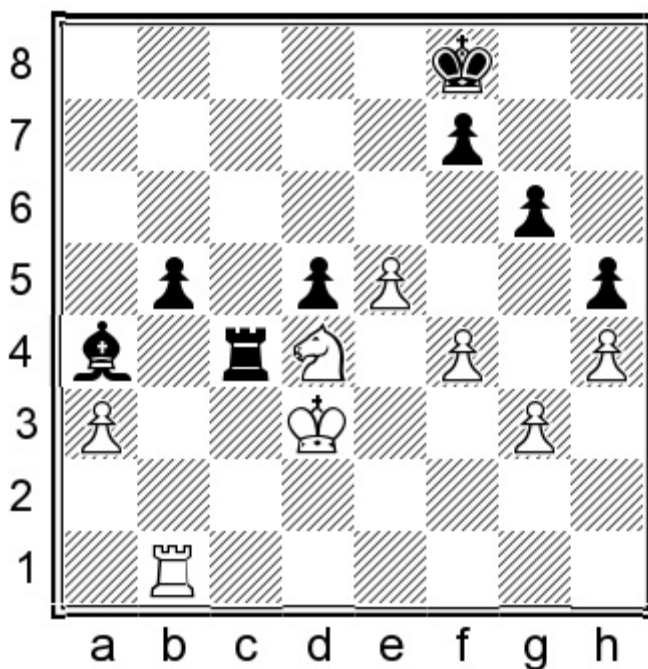
26.Kxd5 exd5 27.Kd4 b6 28.Bc7 Bc8 29.Bb7 Bb8 30.Bxb8 Bxb8 31.Kf2 Bc8 32.b4?!

32.♖e1! ♜c4 (32...♘e7 33.f5±) 33.♙c3 ♙d7 34.f5 ♘e7 35.g4±

32...axb4 33.♙xb4 h5 34.♚e3 ♜c4 35.h4

35.♞b1 h4 36.♙e1 hxg3 37.♙xg3 ♞c3+ 38.♚f2 ♞xa3 39.f5 ♞a2+ 40.♚f3 ♞a3+ 41.♚g4 ♞d3 42.fxg6 (42.♘f3 ♘e7+) 42...♞xd4+ 43.♚f3 b5=

35...♘f8 36.♙xf8 ♚xf8 37.♞b1 b5 38.♚d3 g6



39.f5

39.♘xb5?? ♙c2+

39...gxf5 40.♞f1 b4 41.axb4 ♞xb4 42.♞xf5 ♙d1 43.♞f6 ♙g4= 44.♚e3 ♞b1 45.♘f5 ♞b3+ 46.♚d4 ♙xf5 47.♞xf5 ♞xg3 48.♞xh5 ♚g7 49.♚xd5 ♞g4 50.♞g5+ ♞xg5 51.hxg5 ♚g6 52.e6 fxe6+ 53.♚xe6 ♚xg5 1/2-1/2

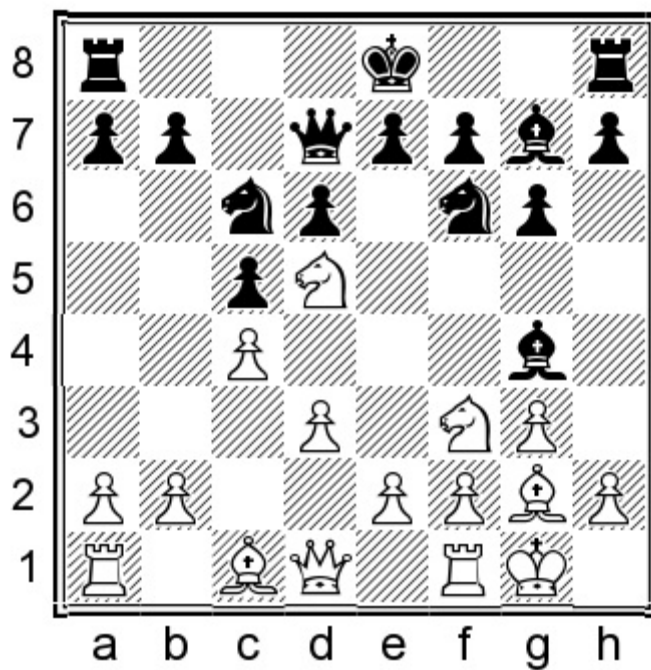
14. A37

Vakhidov, Jahongir (2534) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/3-rapid) 149/14, 2021

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.♙g2 ♙g7 4.♘c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 d6 6.O-O ♙g4

6...e6 - 134/10; 6...♙f5 - 139/16; 6...e5 - 143/17

7.d3 ♞d7 8.♘d5 ♘f6



9. ♖xf6+N

9. ♖g5

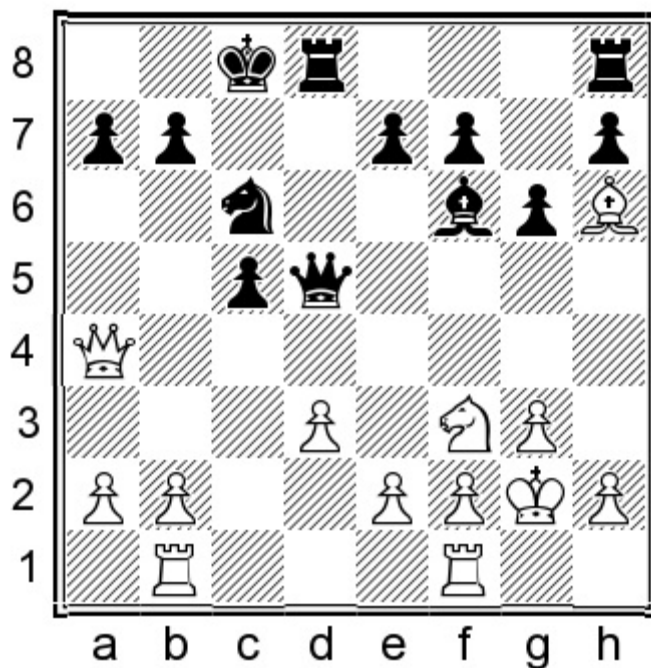
9... ♗xf6 10. ♖b1 ♗h3?!

10... O-O

11. ♗h6 ♗xg2 12. ♕xg2 d5?

12... ♖b8 13. a3 b5 14. b4 cxb4 15. axb4 bxc4 16. b5 ♘d4 17. dxc4 ♘f5 18. ♗f4± Δ 18... O-O? 19. e4 ♘g7 (19... e5 20. ♗xe5+-) 20. e5+-; 12... ♖g8 13. h4↑

13. cxd5 ♗xd5 14. ♖a4 O-O-O



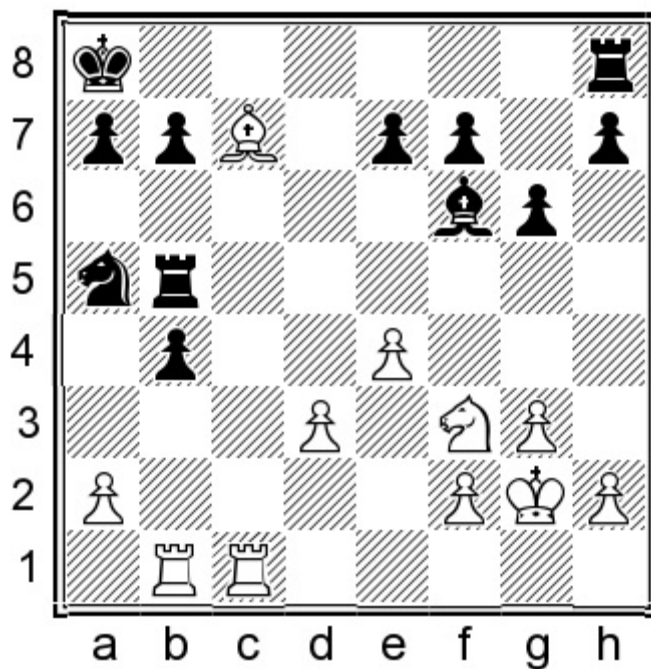
15.b4!

15.e4! ♔xd3 (15...♔h5 16.♙e3 ♖xd3 (16...g5 17.h3+- Δ Rbc1) 17.♖bc1 ♖xe3 18.fxe3 ♔b8 19.b4! cxb4 20.♖xc6 bxc6 21.e5 ♙xe5 (21...♙g7 22.♔xb4+ ♔c8 23.♖b1+-) 22.♔xb4+ ♔a8 23.g4+-; 15...♔d7 16.♖fc1 ♔b8 17.♖xc5+-; 15...♔d6 16.♙f4 ♔d7 17.♖fc1 g5 18.♙xg5 ♙xg5 19.♘xg5 ♔xd3 20.♔c2 (20.♘xf7 ♖hf8) 20...b6 21.b4+-) 16.♖fd1 ♔a6 17.♔xa6 bxa6 18.♖dc1±

15...cxb4 16.♙e3 ♔b8 17.♖fc1 ♔a5 18.♔xa5 ♘xa5 19.♙f4+ ♔a8 20.♙c7 ♖d5

♞20...♘c6 21.♙xd8 ♖xd8 22.e3 a5 (22...♖xd3 23.♖xb4) 23.d4±

21.e4 ♖b5



22.a4! ♖b6 23.♙xb6 axb6 24.♙xb4+- ♜d8 25.e5 ♙g7 26.d4 ♔a7 27.♙cb1 e6 28.♙xb6 ♜d7 29.♜d6 ♜e7 30.♞d2 ♜c7 31.♞e4 ♙f8 32.♜d8 ♙e7 33.♙h8 h5 34.♙h7 ♞c6

34...♙f8 35.♞g5

35.♜c1 ♙a3 36.♜c4 ♜d7 37.♞f6 ♜e7 38.f4 ♙b2 39.d5 exd5 40.♞xd5 ♜d7 41.♙xc6! bxc6 42.e6 ♜xd5 43.e7 ♜d2+ 44.♔f1 1-0

15. A37

So, Wesley (2772) - Svidler, Peter (2714)

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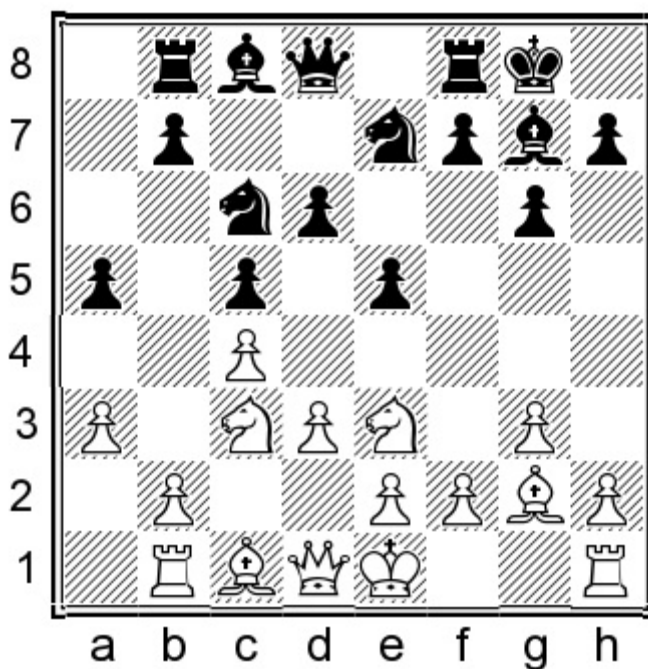
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8.O-O - 54/45; 8.♙g5 - 83/(32)

8...d6 9.♞f1 O-O

9...h5!?

10.♞e3 ♜b8 11.♙b1



11...♞d4?!

11...f5 12.♞ed5 ♞xd5 13.♞xd5 f4 14.b4 (14.O-O ♞d4 15.b4 cxb4 16.axb4 axb4 17.♙xb4 ♙g4!∞)
 14...axb4 15.axb4 ♙g4 (15...b5 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.♞xf4 ♜f6 18.♙xc6 ♜xc6 19.♞d5 ♜f7 20.e4±)
 16.♙e4 cxb4 17.♞xb4 ♞d4 18.f3 ♙d7 (18...♙h3 19.♙b2±) 19.♞d5 b5 20.O-O ♙h3 21.♜e1∞

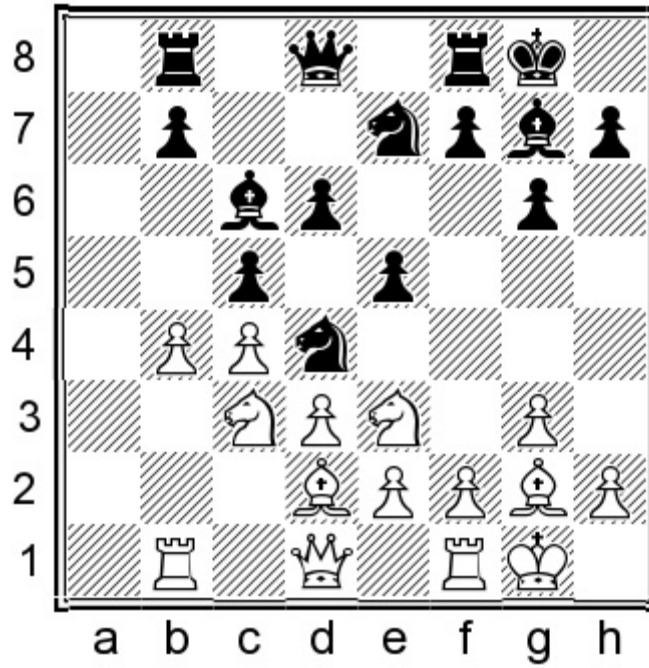
12.♙d2 ♙d7?

12...♙e6 13.O-O (13.♞ed5 b5∞) 13...♜d7 14.♞ed5 ♞xd5 15.cxd5 ♙h3 16.♙xh3 ♜xh3 17.e3 ♞f5
 18.b4± (18.♞b5!?)

13.O-O ♕c6

13...b5!? 14.cxb5 ♖xb5 15.♗c4 (×a5, d6) 15...♗d4 (15...♔c7 16.♗xb5 ♖xb5 17.a4±) 16.♗xd6 ♕e6
17.♗c4 ♗b3 18.♕g5 f6 19.♕c1±

14.b4 axb4 15.axb4



15...cxb4N

15...b6

16.♖xb4 ♕xg2 17.♗xg2± ♔d7

17...b5 18.♗xb5 (18.cxb5 d5 19.♖b1 ♔d7 20.b6 f5 21.♔a4 ♔e6 22.♔a2 ♖a8 23.♗a4!? ♔c6 (23...♔d7
24.♗c5 ♔c6 25.♔b2 ♔xc5 26.♕b4 ♔xb6 27.♕xe7 ♔xb2 28.♖xb2 ♖fb8 29.♖fb1 ♖xb2 30.♖xb2 e4
31.♗xd5 exd3 32.exd3±) 24.♖b4±) 18...♔d7 19.♗xd4 ♖xb4 20.♕xb4 exd4 21.♗c2±

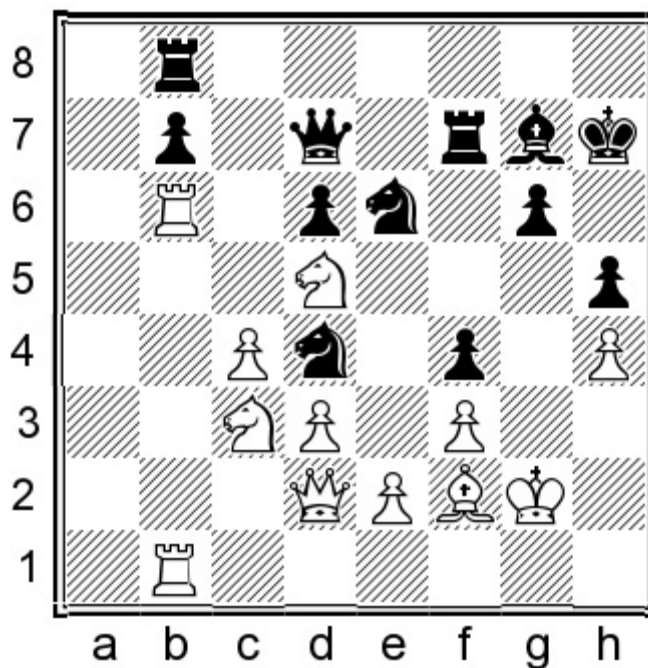
18.♗ed5 ♗ec6 19.♖b6 f5 20.f3 ♖f7 21.♕e3 h5 22.♔d2 ♗e6 23.♖fb1 ♗h7 24.h4 f4

24...♔d8 25.♔a2 f4 26.♕f2 fxg3 27.♗xg3! ♕h6 28.♗e4 g5 29.♔a3 gxh4+ 30.♗h2 ♕f8 31.♖g1±

25.gxf4 exf4

25...♗xf4+ 26.♕xf4 exf4 27.♗e4 ♗g8 28.♗xf4! ♕h6 29.♗xh5!+-

26.♕f2 ♗cd4



27. ♖xd4! ♜xd4 28. ♞e4!

28. ♞e4 ♜xb6 (28... ♜e5 29. ♖xd6! ♜xd6 30. ♞df6++-) 29. ♞ef6++-

1-0

16. A37

Amin, Bassem (2703) - Gabuzyan, Hovhannes (2587)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/16, 2021

1. ♞f3 c5 2. g3 g6 3. ♜g2 ♜g7 4. c4 ♞c6 5. ♞c3 e5 6. a3 d6 7. O-O a5 8. d3 ♞ge7 9. ♖b1 O-O 10. ♜g5 f6 11. ♜e3!

11. ♜d2 ♜e6 12. ♞e1 d5! 13. cxd5 ♞xd5 14. ♖b3?! a4! (14... ♞d4? 15. ♜xd5! ♞xb3 16. ♜xe6+ ♖h8 17. ♜xb3±; 14... ♞c7 15. ♖b6!? ♞d4 16. f4!?∞ (16. ♞f3?! ♖a6! - 130/21)) 15. ♖xb7 ♞a5 16. ♖b5 ♞b3↑

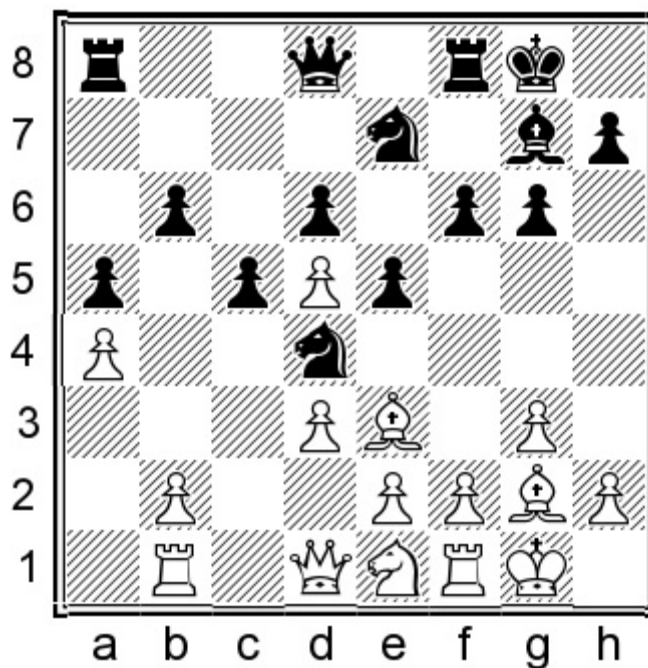
11... ♜e6 12. ♞e1 b6

12... ♖d7 - 35/74

13. ♞d5 ♜xd5?!

13... ♖b8 14. b4 axb4 15. ♞xe7+ ♞xe7 16. axb4 ♞f5 17. ♞c2 ♖d7 18. ♜d2 b5∞

14. cxd5 ♞d4 15. a4



15...b5N

15...h5 16.♙d2↑ Δ e3

16.axb5

16.♙xd4!? exd4 17.axb5 ♖d7 18.♘c2 ♜xb5 19.♘a3 ♜d7 20.♘c4 ♞fb8 21.♞a1↑

16...♘xb5 17.♘c2 ♘c7 18.♘a3 ♔h8

18...♞b8 19.♞a4 ♔h8 20.♙d2 ♘cxd5 21.♙xa5 ♜c8 (21...♞a8 22.♘c4±) 22.♞fc1!? (22.♘c4 ♞e6) 22...♙h6 (22...♞e6 23.♞c4±) 23.♞c2 ♘b4 24.♙xb4 ♞xb4 25.♞a7 ♘c6 26.♙xc6 ♞xc6 27.♞e7±

19.♞b3 ♜d7?!

19...♞b8 20.♞c4 ♘f5 21.♙d2 ♘d4 22.e3 ♘b3 23.♙c3±

20.♙d2 ♞fb8

20...f5 21.e4! f4 22.♞d1 ♘b5 23.♘c4 ♞ab8 24.♙f3±

21.♞c4 a4 22.b3

22.b4!?

22...h5

22...axb3 23.♞xb3 ♞xb3 24.♞xb3 ♞a4 25.♞xa4 ♞xa4 26.♘c4

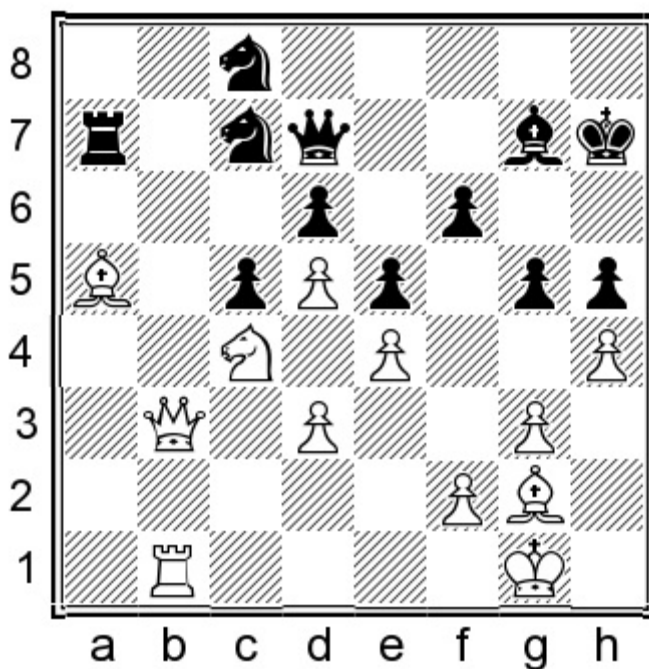
23.bxa4

23.e4±

23...♞xb1 24.♞xb1 ♞xa4

24...♖xa4 25.♖xa4 ♜xa4 26.♟c4 ♟cxd5 27.♟xd6±

25.♖b3± ♜a6 26.e4 ♔h7 27.♟c4 ♟c8 28.♙a5 ♜a7 29.h4 g5



30.♔h2! ♙h6

30...gxf4 31.♙h3 hxf3+ 32.fxf3

31.♙h3 g4 32.♙g2 ♟a6 33.f3 ♟c7 34.fxf4 hxf4 35.♞f1+- ♞b7 36.♞d1 ♔g7 37.♞f2 ♔f7 38.♙f1 ♟e7 39.♙e2 1-0

17. A40

Korshunov, Sergey - Szymanski, Robert
corr 149/17, 2020

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♙g7 3.♟c3 c5 4.d5 ♙xc3+ 5.bxc3 f5 6.e4 fxe4 7.f3 e5 8.♟h3!

8.dxe6 - 93/24

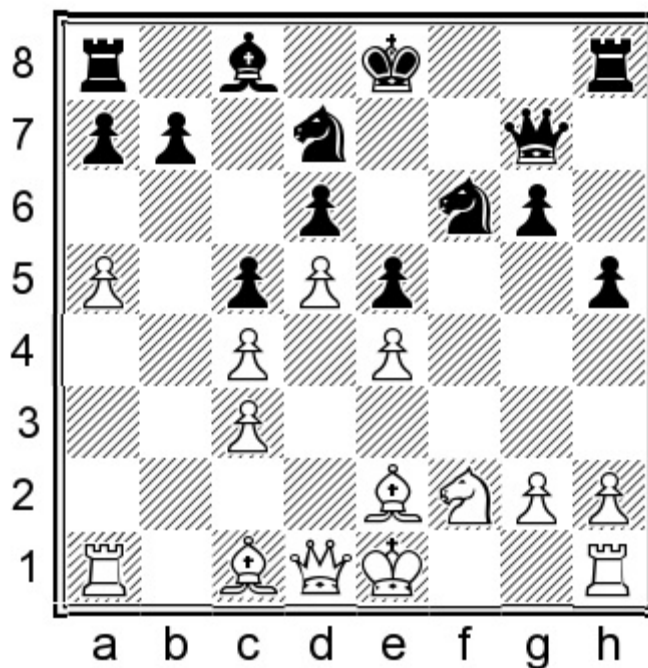
8...d6 9.♟f2 ♟f6 10.fxe4

10.♟xe4 ♟xe4 11.fxe4 ♞h4+ 12.♔d2 ♞xe4±

10...♞e7 11.♙e2 ♞g7

11...h6 12.O-O ♟bd7 13.♞b1 ♞g7 14.♙e3 O-O 15.♞c1 g5 16.♟h1 ♟h7 17.♞e1 ♞f7 18.♙h5 ♞e7 19.♟g3 ♟df6 20.♙e2 ♟f8 21.♟f5 ♙xf5 22.exf5 ♞b8 23.♞d1 e4 24.♞e1 b6 25.a4 ♟8d7 26.♞f1 ♟e5 27.a5 ♞eb7 28.axb6 ♞xb6 29.♞b5 ♟xc4 30.♞xb6 ♟xb6 31.c4 a5 32.♞e1=

12.a4 ♟bd7 13.a5 h5



14.O-O!?N

14.a6 bxa6 15.O-O Bb8 16.Nh3 O-O 17.Ng5 Nh7 18.Nxh7 Qxh7 (18...Bxf1+ 19.Wxf1 Qxh7 20.Qg5 Bb7±) 19.Qg5 Bxf1+ 20.Wxf1±; 14.Bb1 Nf8 15.Wa4+ Qd7 16.Wc2 Wc7 17.O-O N8h7 18.Wa4+ Qd7 19.Wa1 O-O 20.Qh6±

14...Nf8 15.Bb1 Bb8! 16.Qe3 N8h7 17.h3

17.Wc1 g5 18.Nd3 O-O 19.Nxc5 dxc5 20.Qxc5 Be8 21.Qd6 Ba8 22.Qd3±

17...O-O 18.Bb2

18.g3 Qd7=

18...Bf7 19.g3 Qd7

19...Qh8 20.Qh2 Qd7 21.Bg1 Bff8=

20.Qf3 Wf8 21.Qg2 g5 22.Wc1 Bg7 23.Qd2 Wc8 24.Qh2 Wc7 25.Ba2

25.Wb1 h4 26.g4 Nf8 27.Nd1 N6h7 28.Ne3 Ng6 29.Wa2 Nf4 30.Ba1 Wc8 31.Wb1 Nf6=

25...Bf8 26.Nd1

26.We1 Qh8 27.We2 (27.Nd1 Wd8 28.We2 We8±) 27...Wd8 28.Nd1±

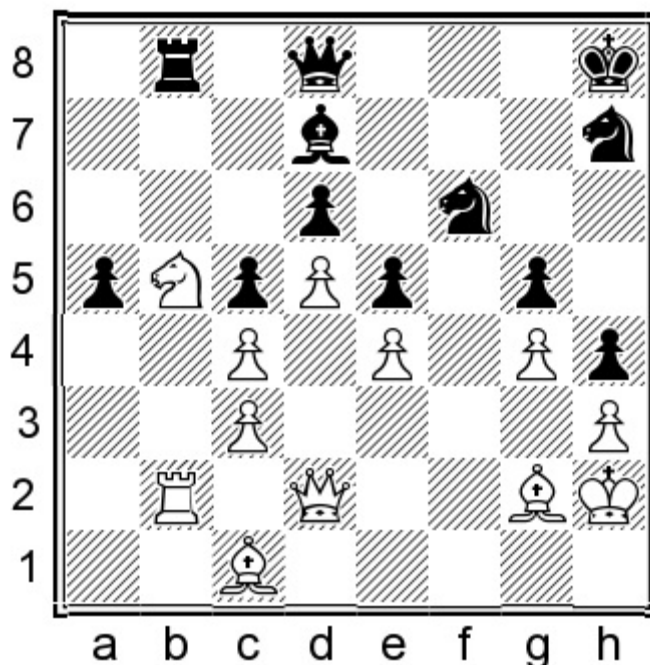
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31...Bf7 32.Ba1 Bf8 33.Qc1 Wd8 34.Wc2 Qe8±

32.axb6 Wxb6 33.Qc1 Bg8 34.Wd2 a5 35.Nc2 Bc8 36.Bb2

36.Na3 h4 37.g4 Qa4 38.We1 Qb3 39.Bf2 Bf8±

36...♖d8 37.♘a3 h4 38.g4! ♜b8 39.♘b5



39...♙e8! 40.♞f2 ♘g8 41.♘d4 ♜xb2

41...cxd4?! 42.cxd4 ♘h6 43.dxe5 dxe5 44.c5=

42.♙xb2

42.♞xb2 ♙d7 (42...cxd4 43.cxd4 exd4 44.♞xd4+ ♞f6 45.♞d2 ♞e5+ 46.♔h1=) 43.♞b7 exd4 44.cxd4 cxd4 45.♙b2 ♘gf6 46.♙xd4 ♔g8

42...♘h6

42...cxd4 43.cxd4 ♞b8 44.dxe5=

43.♘e6 ♞e7 44.♔g1 ♔g8 45.♙a3 ♘f7 46.♙f1 ♘h8 47.♞b2

47.♘xc5 dxc5 48.♙xc5 ♞b7 49.♙b6 a4 50.c5 ♘g6

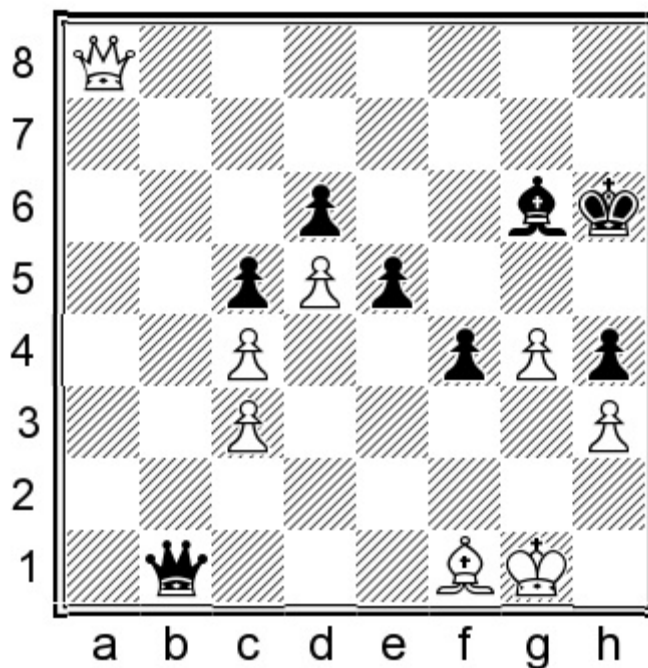
47...♘f8-+ 48.♘xf8 ♔xf8 49.♞b8 ♘g6 50.♙c1 ♘f4 51.♞a8 a4 52.♔h2 ♞f7 53.♔g1 ♞f6 54.♞c8 ♞e7 55.♞a8?

55.♔f2 ♔g7 56.♙xf4 exf4 57.♔f3 ♞e5 58.♞c7+ ♔f8 59.♞a5-+

55...♔g7 56.♞a6 ♙g6 57.♞xa4 ♙xe4 58.♞d1 ♞f6 59.♙d2 ♔h6 60.♙e3 ♞f7 61.♙d2 ♞b7 62.♞a4 ♙g6 63.♞a3? ♞b8 64.♙e3 ♞b1 65.♙xf4 gxf4

65...exf4 66.♞a8-+

66.♞a8



66...f3!

66...f3 67.♖f8+ ♔g5 68.♖xf3 ♕e1! 69.♔h2 (69.♖f8 ♖e4 70.♖f2 ♖xc3-+) 69...♖e4-+

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18. A48

Caruana, Fabiano (2806) - Shankland, Samuel L (2709)

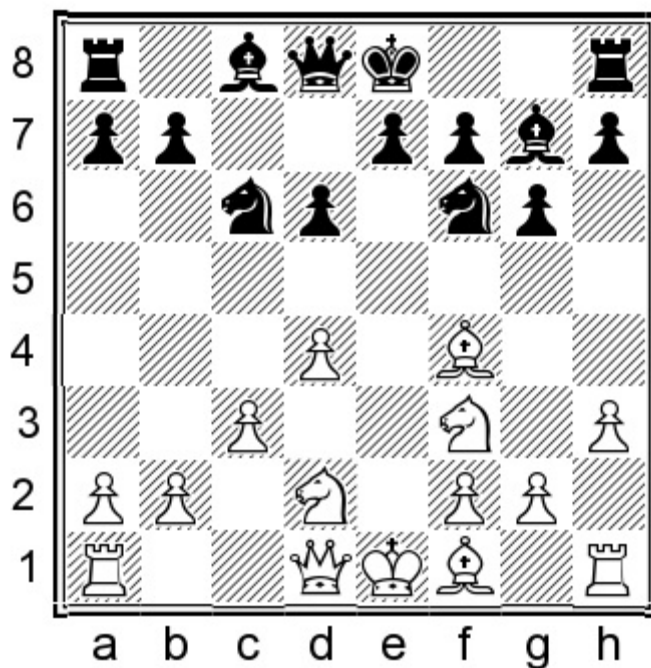
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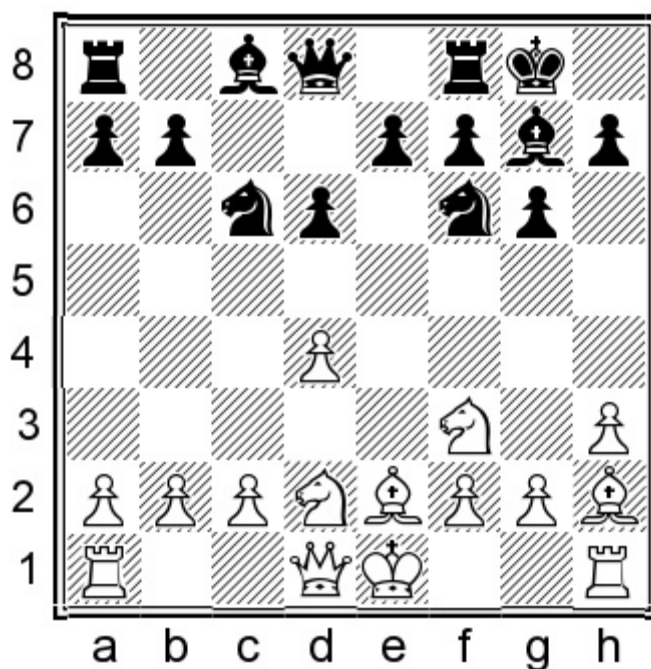
6.♙e2! ♖b6 7.♘bd2 ♖xb2 8.♖b1 ♕c3 9.O-O ♖a5 (9...O-O?? 10.♘c4) 10.♘b3 ♖a3 11.dxc5 dxc5
12.♙b5+ ♙d7 13.♙c4 O-O 14.♘e5↑; 6.c3 - 72/64

6...cxd4

6...♘c6!? 7.♙h2! (7.c3 cxd4 8.cxd4 (8.exd4



8...e5! 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.♙e3 (10.♜xe5 ♖e7 11.♚e2 ♜d5 12.♜xc6 ♚xe2+ 13.♙xe2 ♜xf4 14.♙f3 ♜d3+ 15.♜e2 ♜xb2 16.♜d4 O-O) 10...O-O 11.♙c4 ♜a5 (11...e4 12.♜d4 ♜d5 (12...♜e5 13.O-O (13.♙e2? ♜d5 14.♜c4 ♜xc4 15.♙xc4 ♜xe3 16.fxe3 ♚h4+ 17.♜d2 ♚g5 18.♚e2 ♙d7 19.♞af1 b5 20.♙b3 b4+)) 13.O-O ♜xe3 14.fxe3 ♜a5 15.♚e2 ♜xc4 16.♚xc4 ♚g5 17.♜xe4 ♚xe3+ 18.♜f2 ♞e8 19.♚d5 ♙xd4 20.♚xd4 ♚xd4 21.cxd4 ♞e2=; 11...h6) 12.O-O ♚c7 13.♚a4 a6 14.♙e2 ♜d5 15.♜c4 ♜c6 16.♞fd1 ♙e6 17.♚a3 ♜xe3 18.♜xe3 h6 19.♙c4=) 8...O-O 9.♙c4 (9.♙e2 e5! 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♜xe5 ♜d5 12.♜xc6 bxc6 13.♜c4 ♜xf4 14.exf4 ♚c7 15.♚d2 ♙a6 16.O-O ♞ad8 17.♚c1 ♞fe8 18.♞e1 ♙xc4 19.♚xc4 ♞d4 20.♚c2 ♞xf4) 9...♚b6 10.♚b3 ♚xb3 11.♙xb3 ♜a5!? 12.♙c2 ♜d5 13.♙g3 ♙e6 14.O-O ♞fc8) 7...cxd4 8.exd4 O-O 9.♙e2



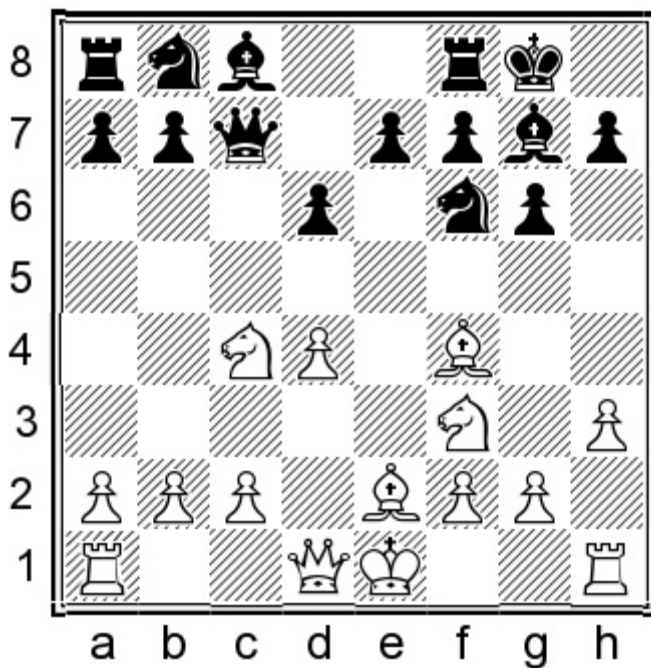
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15.♖c1 ♜xc1 16.♟axc1 ♔a6 17.♞fe1 f5 18.c3 ♞ad8 19.♙f1 ♙h6 20.♞cd1 ♙f4 21.♙g1 ♙g7=))
 11...♜xe5 12.♙xe5 ♜e7 13.♜f3 ♞d8 14.♖c1 ♜h5 15.♙xg7 ♙xg7 16.♜e3 ♜f6 17.♜d2 ♜f4 18.♙f3
 ♜xb2 19.O-O ♜d4 20.♞ad1 ♜xe3 21.fxe3 ♜d5 22.♜b3 ♙e6=

7.exd4 O-O 8.♙e2 ♜b6

8...♜c6! 9.O-O e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♙xe5 ♜xe5 12.♜xe5 ♜c7 13.♜ef3 ♞d8 14.c3 ♜e4 15.♜e1 ♜xd2
 16.♜xd2 ♙f5 (16...♞e8 17.♜c4 ♙e6 18.♜e3 ♙h6 19.c4 ♜b6 20.♙f3 ♙xe3 21.♜xe3 ♙xc4 22.♜xb6
 axb6 23.♙xb7 ♞xa2 24.♞xa2 ♙xa2=) 17.♜c4 (17.♜f3 ♞e8 18.♞d1 ♙e6 19.♙b5 ♞e7 20.♜d2 ♙xa2
 21.♜c2 ♙e6 22.♞fe1 ♞d8 23.♞xd8+ ♜xd8 24.♖c1 a6 25.♙f1 h6 26.♜e3 ♞d7 27.♜e5 ♞d6=) 17...♙e4
 18.♖c1 ♜c6 19.♜g5 ♙f6 20.♜g3 ♞d5 21.♜e3 ♞d2 22.♙c4 ♙g7 23.♞fd1 ♞ad8 24.♙b3 ♞xb2 25.♞xd8
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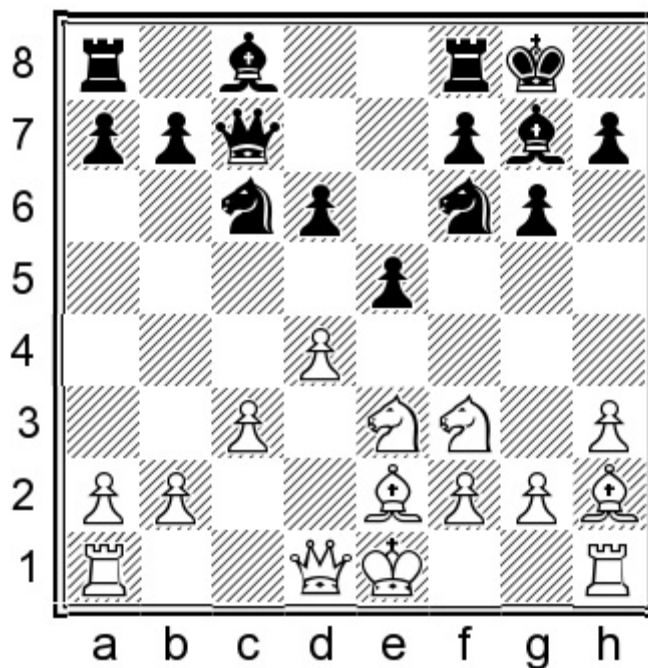
9.♜c4 ♜c7



10.♜e3N

10.O-O

10...♜c6 11.c3 e5 12.♙h2



12...♔e7?

12...exd4! 13.♗xd4 ♗xd4 14.♕xd4 ♗g4 15.♙xd6 (15.♕xd6?? ♙xc3+!-+) 15...♗xe3 16.fxe3 ♙xd4 17.♙xc7 ♙xe3 18.♖f1 ♙e6=

13.O-O e4 14.♗e1 d5 15.♗1c2 ♙e6 16.♕e1! [Δ f3] 16...♗d7?!

16...♖ad8 17.f3 exf3 18.♙xf3 ♗e4=

17.f3 f5 18.fxe4 fxe4 19.♙f4 ♖f7 20.♕g3 ♗f6 21.♖f2 ♕d7 22.♖af1 ♖af8 23.♕h4 ♗e8?!

23...♙h8

24.♗g4 ♗d6 25.♗ce3 ♗e7 26.♗e5 ♙xe5 27.♙xe5 ♗df5? 28.♗g4! h5 29.♕g5 hxg4 30.hxg4 ♗g7 31.♕h6 ♗ef5 32.gxf5 ♖xf5 33.♖xf5 ♖xf5 34.♖xf5 ♙xf5 35.g4 ♙e6 36.♕xg6 ♕f7 37.♕h6 e3 38.♙f3 1-0

A50-A99

19. A57

Yankelevich, Lev (2389) - Perunovic, Milos (2567)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.♘c3 ♙g7 7.♘f3 O-O 8.a4 ♙b7 9.♙e2 axb5 10.♙xb5 ♘a6!?

10...e6 - 125/24

11.e4 e6 12.O-O exd5 13.exd5 ♘b4?!

13...d6 14.♙g5 h6 15.♙h4 ♘c7 16.♙c4 ♔d7

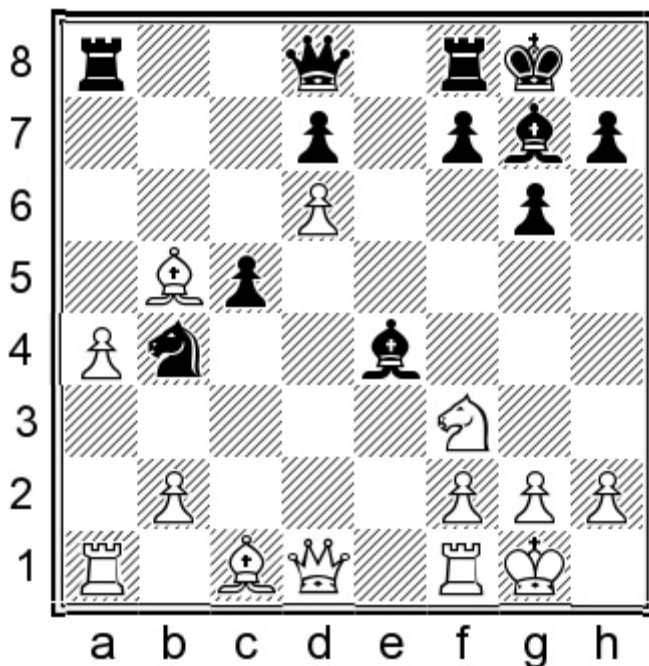
14.d6!

14.♙c4 ♙a6 15.♙xa6 ♖xa6

14...♘e4

14...♖e8 15.♙g5

15.♘xe4 ♙xe4



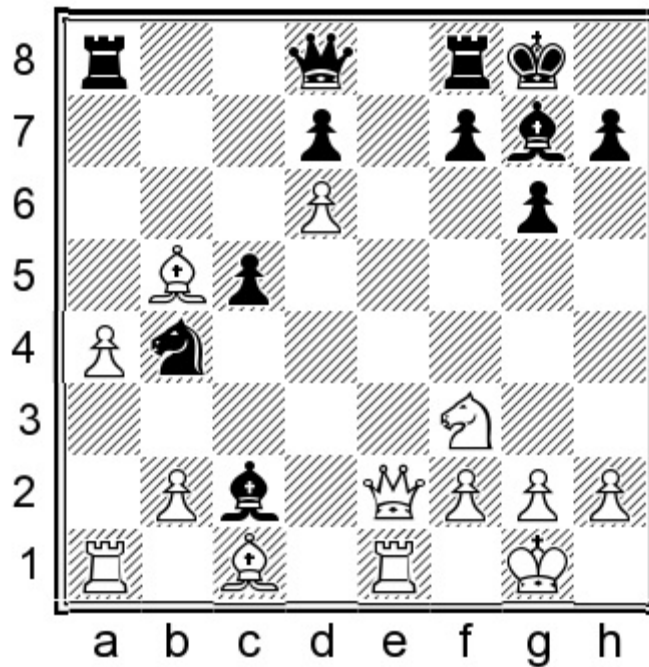
16.♖e1N

16.♙e3

16...♙c2

16...♔xf3 17.gxf3±

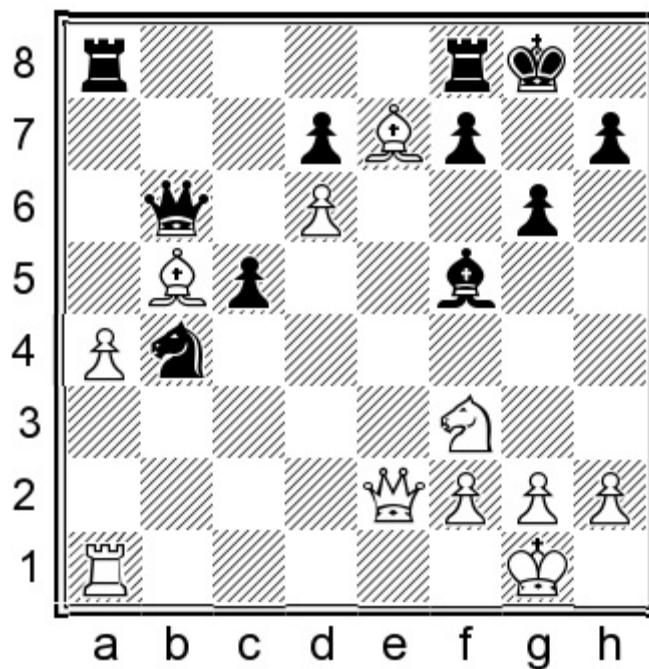
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17...♔b6?

17...♔f6! 18.♔g5 (18.♔xd7 ♔xd6) 18...♔xb2 19.h3! (19.♔e7 ♔f5 20.♔xb2 ♔xb2 21.♔xf8 ♔xa1 22.♔xa1 ♔xf8∞; 19.♔xd7 ♔d3 20.♔f1 ♔xa4 21.♔e4 (21.♔xb2 ♔xb2 22.♔xa4 ♔xa4=) 21...♔xa1! 22.♔xa1 ♔c6! 23.♔xa8 ♔xe4 24.♔xf8+ ♔xf8 25.♔d2 ♔e5! 26.♔b5 ♔f5=) 19...♔f5 20.♔xb2 ♔xb2 21.♔ad1±

18.♔g5! ♔xb2 19.♔e7 ♔xa1 20.♔xa1 ♔f5



21.♖d1?

21.h4! ♘c2 (21...♘c6 22.♙xf8 ♖xf8 23.h5+-) 22.♖d1 ♘d4 23.♘xd4 cxd4 24.♚e5 d3 (24...♖fc8 25.♚f4 d3 26.g4 ♙e6 27.♙f6 ♖c2 28.h5+-) 25.h5 h6 26.hxg6 ♙xg6 27.♖xd3!+-

21...♘c6!= 22.♙f6

22.♙xf8 ♖xf8 23.h3 ♙e6 24.♚e3 ♘a7 25.♙e2 (25.♚h6 f6=) 25...♚b4=

22...♘d4 23.♘xd4

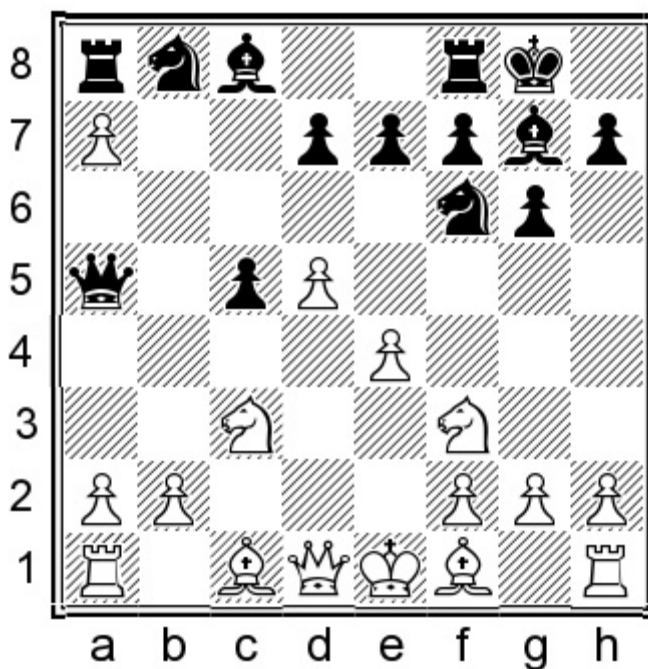
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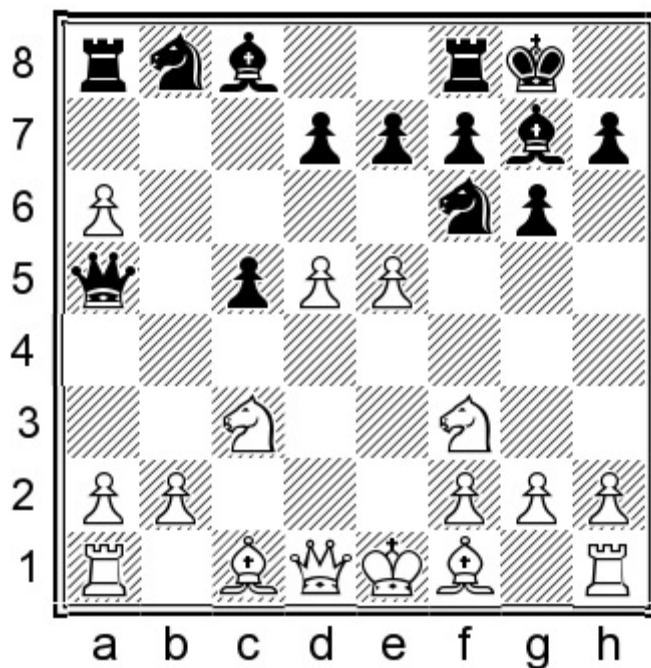
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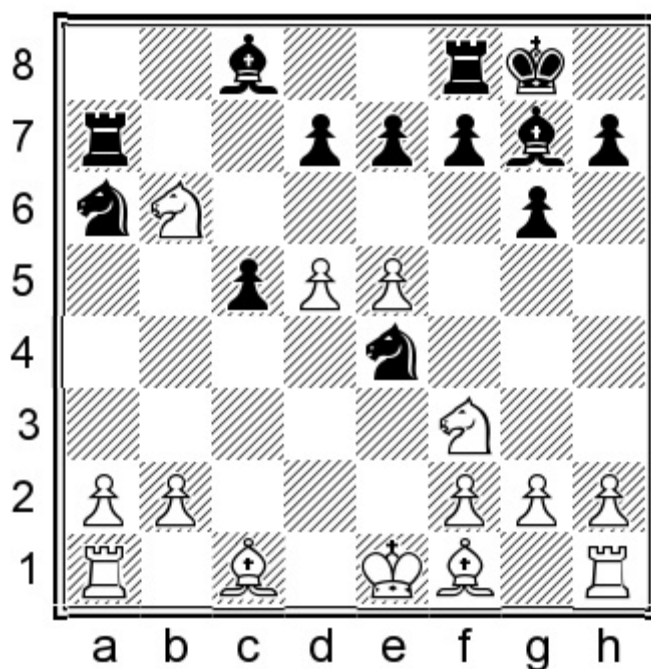
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9.e5



9...♞e4! 10.♞a4 (10.♞c2 ♞xc3 11.♞xc3 ♞xc3+ 12.bxc3 d6) 10...♞xa4 11.♞xa4 ♞xa6 (11...♞xa6 12.♞b6 ♞xf1 13.♞xf1 ♞a6 14.♞c4 d6) 12.♞b6 ♞a7

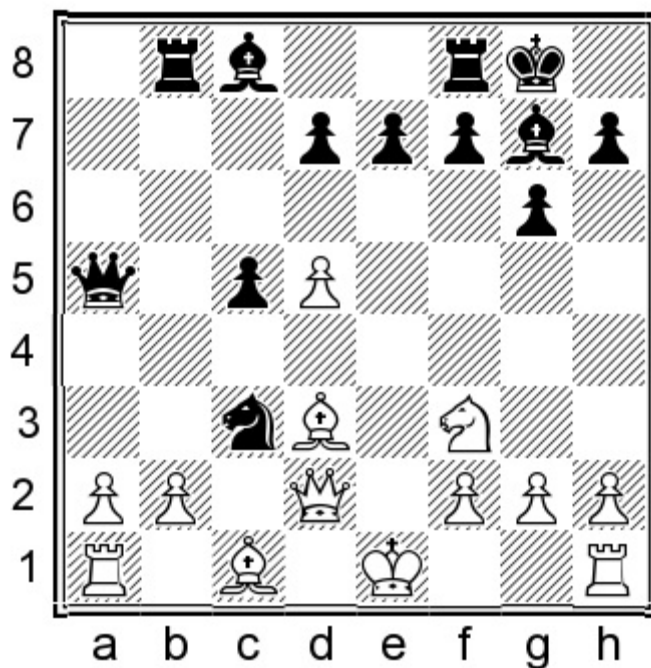


13.♞d3N (13.♞xc8) 13...f5 14.♞xc8 ♞xc8 Garcia Fuentes,S (2134)-Baskin,R (2390) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 149/(20) 2021; 9.♞d2 - 146/22

9...♞xe4!-+ 10.axb8=♞ ♞xb8 11.♞d3N

11.♞c2 ♞xc3 12.♞d2 ♞a4 13.b3 ♞e4+-+; 11.♞d2 ♞xc3 12.bxc3 ♞xc3-+; 11.♞d2 ♞xd2 12.♞xd2 (12.♞xd2 ♞xb2-+) 12...♞xb2 13.♞ce4 f5-+

11...♞xc3 12.♞d2



12...♖a8!-+ 13.O-O ♜xd5 14.♚g5 e6 15.♞d1 ♞b7 16.♚g3 ♚a4 17.♞e1 ♜b4 18.♞b1 ♞xf3 19.♚xf3
 ♜c2 20.♞e4 ♜d4 21.♚d3 d5 22.♞g4 c4 23.♚f1 ♜c2 0-1

21. A59

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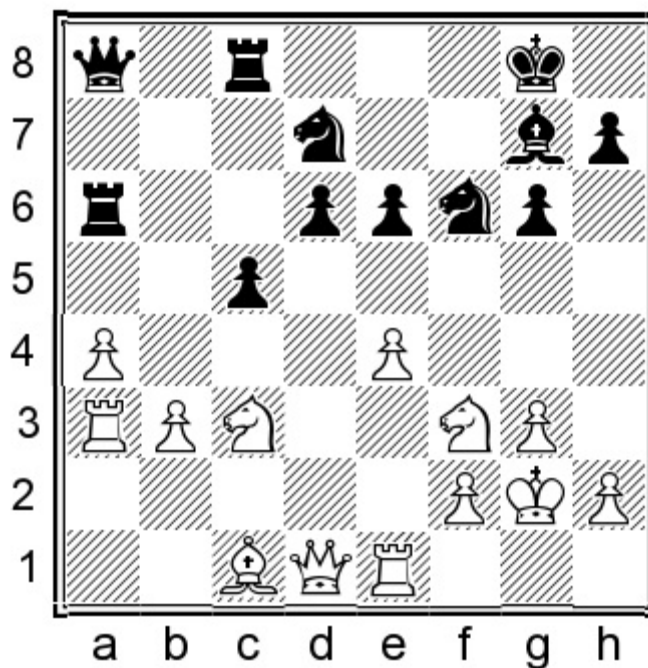
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 ♜bd7 11.♜g2 O-O 12.a4 ♞a6 13.♞e1 ♚a8 14.♞a3

14.♚c2 - 134/(23)

14...♞c8 15.b3 e6

15...♜g4!?

16.dxe6 fxe6



17. Nb5

17. Ra2! Bb6 (17...d5 18.exd5 exd5 19.Rae2 d4 20.Nb5 Nd5 21.Qg1!±) 18.Rd2 (18.Qf4 c4 19.bxc4 Bxc4 20.Wd3 d5 21.exd5 exd5) 18...Qf8 19.Ng5 (19.Qb2 c4!±) 19...d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.f3 d4 22.Nb5 Wd5±

17... Nxe4 18. Rxe4 Wxe4 19. Nxd6 Bxd6 20. Wxd6 Bf8 21. b4

21.Qf4 Qb2 22.Ra2 Ne5 23.Wxe6+ Bf7 24.We8+ Bf8 25.We6+ Bf7=

21... cxb4 22. Re3 Wd5 23. Wxd5

23.Wxe6+?! Wxe6 24.Bxe6 Bc8 25.Qf4 b3 26.Nd2 b2↑; 23.Bd3 Wxd6 24.Bxd6 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Bxe6 Qd4 27.Qe3 Qxe3 28.fxe3 Ba8=

23... exd5 24. Qd2 Bb8 25. Bb3 Qf8

25...Nc5 26.Bxb4 Bxb4 27.Qxb4 Nxa4=

26. a5 Ba8 27. Nd4 Bxa5 28. Qxb4 Ba4 29. Qxf8 Bxd4 30. Qd6 Qf7 31. Re3 Re4 32. Bxe4 dxe4 33. f3 Qe6 1/2-1/2

22. A73

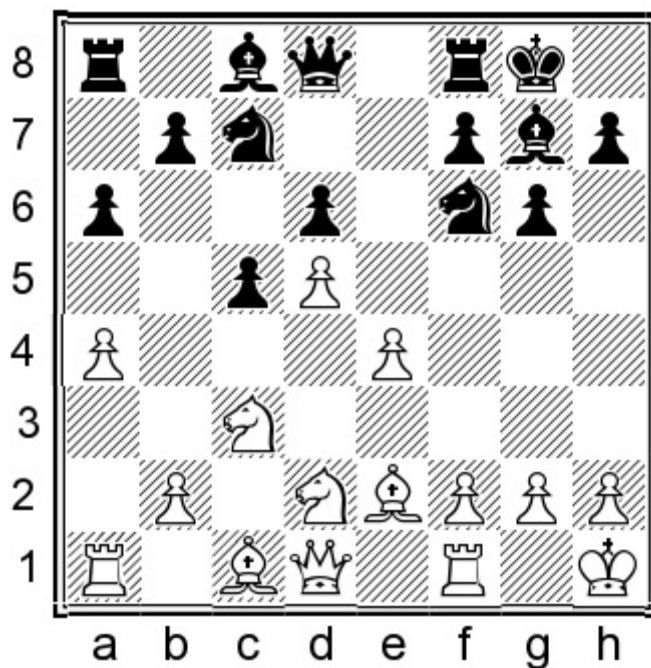
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Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/22, 2021

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11...b6 - 120/37

12. Qh1

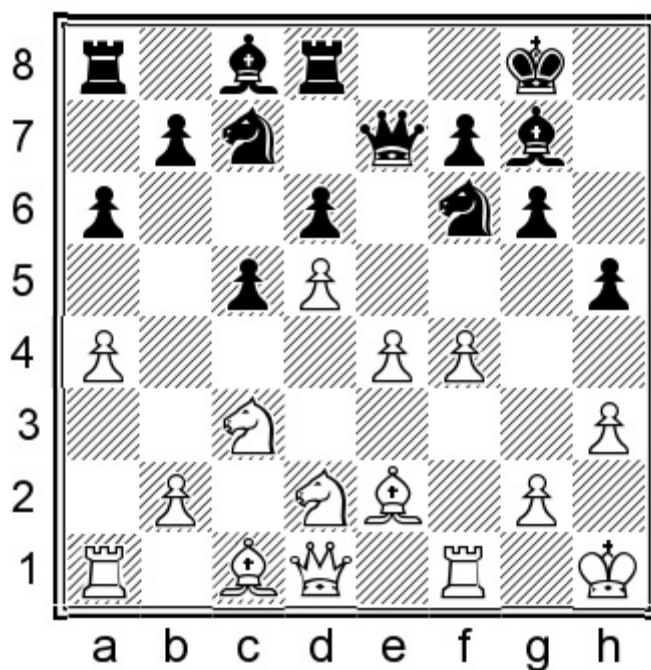


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12...♔e7?!N

12...b6!

13.f4 h5 14.h3 ♞d8?



14...♙d7

15.♖a3

15.f5! ♜b8 (15...♙d7 16.e5!) 16.fxg6 fxg6 17.e5! dxe5 (17...♚xe5 18.♘f3 ♚e8 19.♙g5+-) 18.♘de4
♘xe4 19.♘xe4+-

15...♜b8 16.a5 ♙d7 17.♜b3 ♘b5! 18.♙xb5 axb5 19.♘xb5 ♙xb5 20.♞xb5 ♘xe4 21.♚f3

21.♘xe4 ♚xe4 22.f5 ♔h7 23.♜b6 (23.fxg6+ fxg6 24.♞e1 (24.♞f7? ♞f8 25.♞xb7 ♞xb7 26.♞xb7 ♞f2
27.♚g1 ♞e2+) 24...♚f5∞) 23...♞d7 24.a6 (24.♙f4 ♞bd8∞) 24...♞e8 25.axb7 ♞b8 26.f6 ♙h6 27.♙xh6
♔xh6∞

21...♘f6

21...♚d7! 22.♜b6 ♘xd2 23.♙xd2 ♚f5=

22.♘c4

22.f5 g5 23.♘c4 g4 24.hxg4 ♘xg4↗

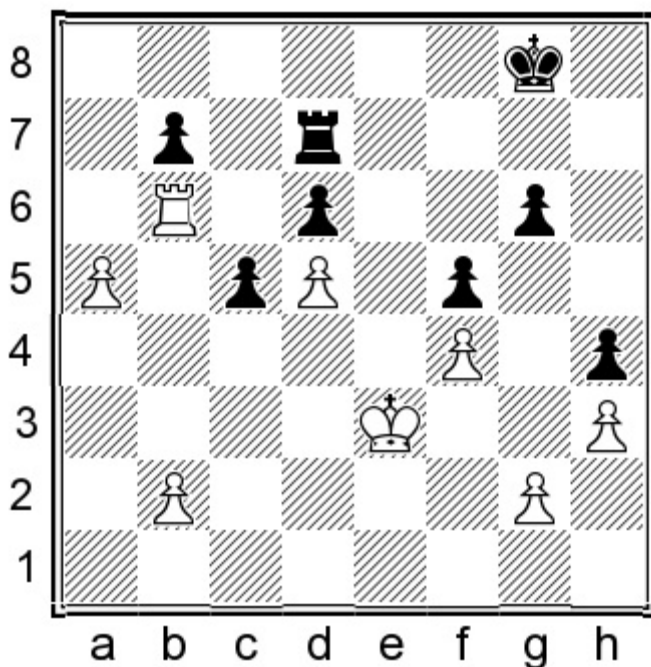
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26.♞b1 ♘f5 27.♙d2 ♞e8 28.♞b6 ♞e4 29.♘xd6 (29.b3 ♞a8 30.♞xb7 ♞e2=) 29...♘xd6 30.♞xd6 ♙h6
31.♞f1 ♞d4 32.♙c1 ♞c4 33.♙d2 ♞d4=

26...♘f5 27.♙f2 ♙d4 28.♔g1

28.♙xd4 cxd4∞

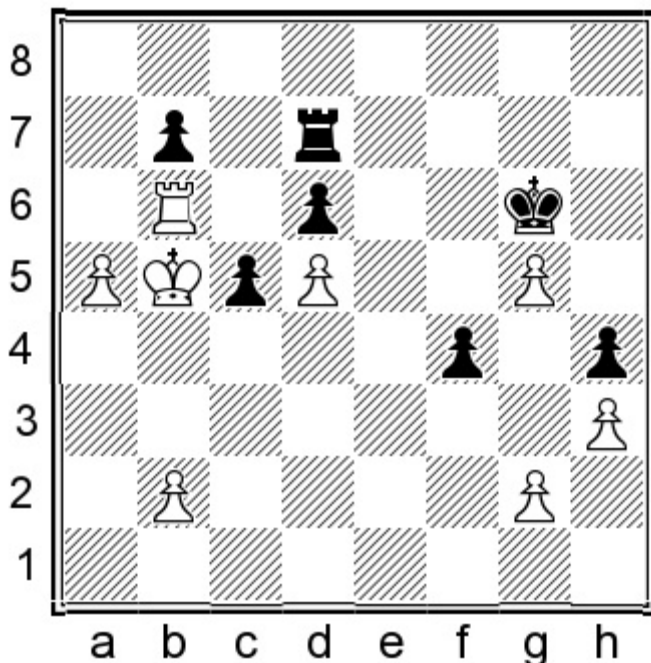
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f5?



35...♔g7 36.♔d3 (36.f5 g5=) 36...♔f6 37.♔c4 (37.♔e4 g5=) 37...♔f5 38.♔b5 ♔xf4 39.a6 bxa6+ 40.♔c6 ♖a7 41.♔xd6 ♔g3 42.♔c6 f5 43.d6 ♔xg2 44.d7 ♖xd7 45.♔xd7 g5=

36.♔f3?

36.♔d3! ♔f7 37.♔c4 g5 (37...♔e7 38.♔b5 ♔d8 39.a6 bxa6+ 40.♔c6+-) 38.fxg5 ♔g6 39.♔b5 f4



(39...♔xg5 40.a6 bxa6+ 41.♔c6 ♖g7 42.♔xd6 ♔f4 43.b4! cxb4 44.♖xb4+ ♔g3 45.♔e5 a5 (45...♔xg2 46.♖xh4+-) 46.♖b2 f4 47.d6 f3 48.gxf3 ♔xh3 (48...♔xf3 49.♔e6+-) 49.f4 ♔g3 50.f5+-) 40.♖c6!! (40.a6? bxa6+ 41.♔c6 ♖g7 42.♔xd6 ♔f5 43.♔c6 (43.♔xc5 ♖xg5 44.d6 (44.♖xa6 ♖xg2=) 44...♔e6+ 45.♔c6 ♖xg2=) 43...♖xg5 44.d6 ♖xg2 45.d7 ♖g8 46.♖xa6 (46.♔c7 f3 47.♖b8 ♖g7 48.♖f8+ ♔e4 49.♔c6 ♖xd7 50.♔xd7 ♔e3=) 46...f3 47.♖a1 ♔f4 48.♖d1 f2 49.d8=♖ ♖xd8 50.♖xd8 ♔g3 51.♖f8 ♔g2 52.♔xc5 f1=♖ 53.♖xf1 ♔xf1 54.b4 ♔g2 55.b5 ♔xh3 56.b6 ♔g2 57.b7 h3 58.b8=♖ h2=) 40...♔xg5 (40...bxc6+ 41.dxc6 ♖e7 42.a6 ♔f7 43.♔b6+-) 41.♔b6 bxc6 42.dxc6 ♖d8 43.c7 ♖g8 44.♔c6!! (44.a6 d5 45.♔b7 (45.♔xc5 ♔f6 46.♔xd5 ♔e7 47.♔c6 ♖xg2 48.c8=♖ ♖c2+ 49.♔b7 ♖xc8 50.♔xc8 f3 51.a7 f2 52.a8=♖ f1=♖±) 45...d4 46.a7 d3 47.a8=♖ ♖xa8 48.♔xa8 d2 49.c8=♖ d1=♖ 50.♖xc5+ ♔g6±) 44...f3 45.gxf3 ♔f4 46.♔xd6 ♔g3 47.a6 ♔xh3 48.a7 ♔g3 49.♔d7 h3 50.c8=♖ ♖xc8 51.♔xc8 h2 52.a8=♖ h1=♖ 53.♖b8+ ♔h3 54.♖f4+-

36...♔f7= 37.g3 hxg3 38.♔xg3 ♔f6 39.h4 ♔g7 40.♖b3 ♖e7 41.♖b6 ♖d7 42.♖b3 ♖e7 43.♖b6 ♖d7 1/2-1/2

23. A80

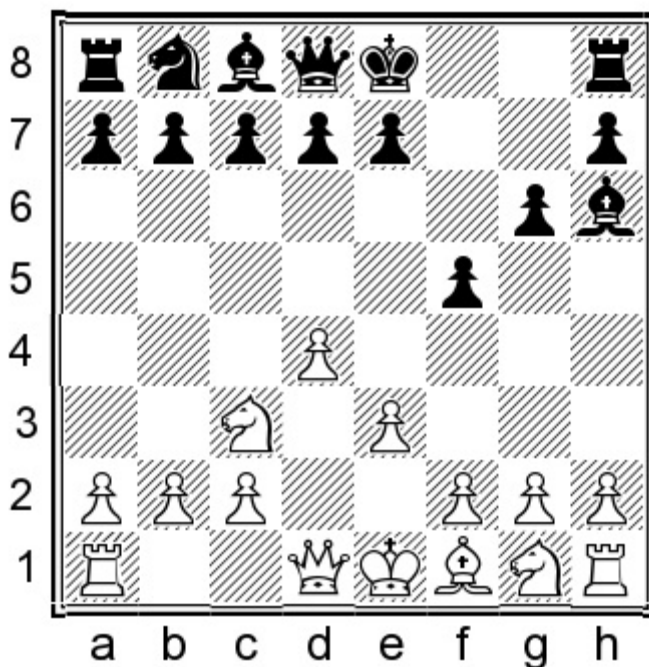
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4.h4 - 142/31; 4.e4 - 69/(71)

4...♖h6 5.♙xh6 ♙xh6



6.f4N

6.h4 d6 7.♙f3 ♖c6 8.O-O-O e6 9.♙g3 ♙f6∞

6...d6 7.♖f3 ♖d7 8.h4 ♖f6 9.h5 e6

9...♖xh5!? 10.♙xh5 gxh5 11.♖h4 O-O 12.♙xh5 ♙g7 (12...♖g7 13.O-O-O ♙d7 (13...♙e8?! 14.♙xe8 ♙xe8 15.♖b5 c6 16.♖c7 ♙d7 17.♙d3±) 14.♙d3 ♙e8 15.♙f3∞) 13.♙c4+ e6 14.g4 d5 15.♙d3 ♙e8 16.♙xe8 ♙xe8 17.gxf5 c6∞

10.hxg6 hxg6 11.♙b5+ c6 12.♙d3 ♙b6 13.♖h4?

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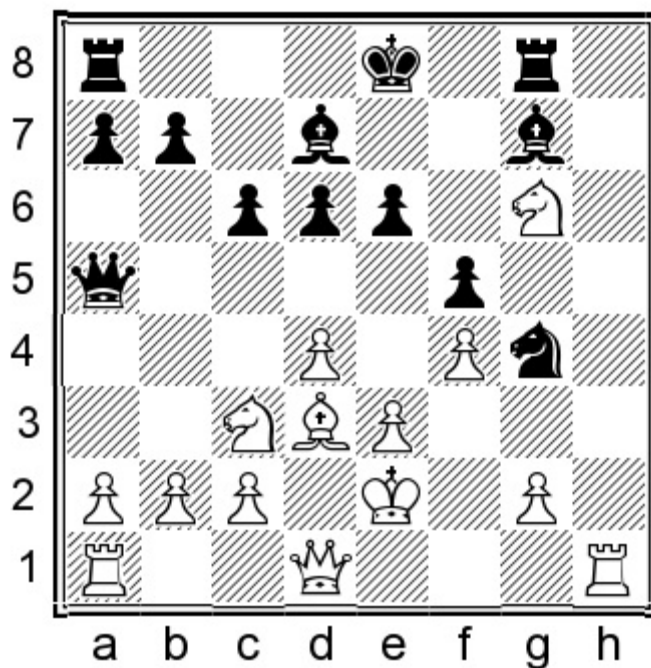
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16...♙d7

16...♙h6! 17.♖f3 ♙d7+ (17...e5 18.♙d2)

17.♖xg6 ♙g8



18. ♖h7?

18. ♖h4! ♕f6 (18... ♜xe3 19. ♙xe3 ♕xd4+ 20. ♙d2 ♖xg6 21. ♚h5 ♙f7 22. ♖g4! ♖g8 23. ♖xg6 ♖xg6 24. g4 ♞) 19. ♖xg4 fxg4 20. ♚h1 O-O-O 21. ♚h7 ♖g7 22. ♚h6 ♖dg8 23. ♜e5 ♕xe5 24. dxe5 dxe5 25. ♕h7 exf4 26. exf4 e5 27. ♕xg8 ♖xg8↑

18... ♕f6 19. ♚h1 O-O-O

19... ♖xg6? 20. ♚h5±

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26... cxd4 27. exd4 ♚b6

27. ♖b1

27. dxc5 ♚xc5 28. g4 fxg4 29. ♖xg4 e5 30. ♚h4 exf4! 31. exf4 ♖e8 32. ♖e1 ♖xe1 33. ♙xe1 ♚e3+ 34. ♜e2 ♖e6-+

27... ♖g8

27... cxd4 28. exd4 ♖h6-+

28. ♕e2 ♖h6 29. ♕f3 cxd4 30. exd4 ♕e8 31. ♚e3 ♕d7

31... ♖gh8 32. ♚e5 ♚c7-+

32. b3

32. ♚g1 ♖gh8-+

32... ♚d6 33. a4 ♖h4 34. ♜e2 ♕c6

34...♖b4+ 35.c3 ♖a3 36.♔c2 ♜gh8

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44.♞e1 ♞b6 45.♔a3 ♜hc7

44...♖b4 45.♞xe6 ♞c3+ 46.♔a2 ♜h1 47.♞e3 axb3+ 48.♜xb3 ♙a4 49.♜c1 ♙xc2 50.♞e5+ ♔a7 0-1

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24. B00

Shankland, Samuel L (2709) - Jumabayev, Rinat (2637)**Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/24, 2021**

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3.e5

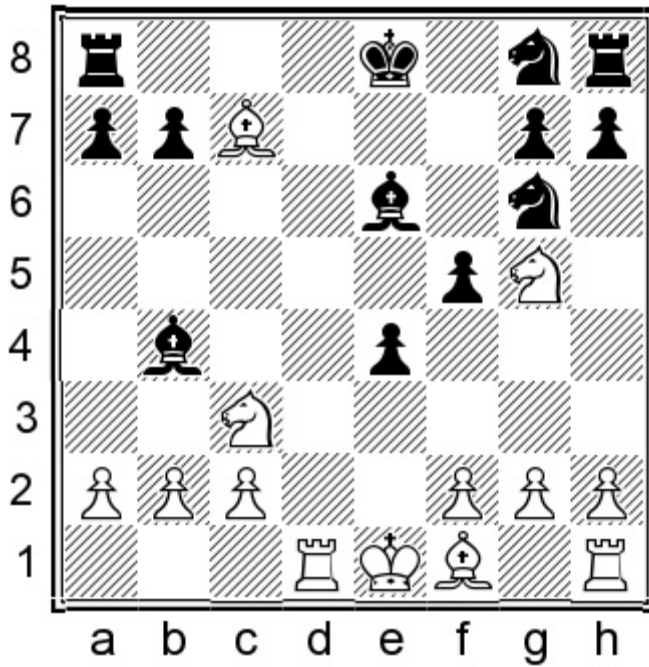
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8...c6 - 50/(122)

9.♖xd1 ♘b4 10.♙xc7

10.♔c4 ♖e7 11.f3 ♜f6 12.O-O ♙xc3 13.bxc3 h6 14.fxe4 fxe4 15.♖de1 (15.♜f2!? e3 16.♜e4 ♙xe6 17.♙xe6 e2 18.♙f5 exd1=♚ 19.♖xd1⌘) 15...♙xe6 16.♙xe6 ♖xe6 17.♜f2 ♖f7 18.♜xe4 ♖ac8=

10...♙xe6 11.♘g5



11...♙d7N

11...♔e7

12.♖d4 ♜xc3+ 13.bxc3 ♜c8 14.♜d6 h6 15.♘h3 ♜xc3?!

15...♔f7 16.♘f4 ♘xf4 17.♙xf4 ♙e6; 15...♘8e7!?

16.♙c4 ♖xc2 17.O-O= ♘8e7 18.♙b3 ♘c6

18...♖c8 19.♗fd1 ♘b5 20.♘f4 ♘xf4 21.♙xf4 ♙d3 22.♙e6 ♞c5 23.♙e3 ♞c7 24.♙f4 ♞c5 25.♙e3 ♞c7=

19.♙xe4+ fxe4 20.♙xc2 ♙f5 21.♙e1

21.f3 ♘d4 22.♙xe4 ♙xe4 (22...b6 23.♙a3 (23.♞d1 ♘e2+ 24.♔f1 ♙xe4 25.fxe4 ♘c3 26.♞d4 ♘b5 27.♞d3 ♘xd6 28.♞xd6 ♞f8+ 29.♔e2 ♘f4+ 30.♘xf4 ♞xf4 31.♔e3 ♞g4 32.g3 ♞g5=) 23...♔f7 24.♙b2 ♙xh3 25.♙xd4±) 23.fxe4=

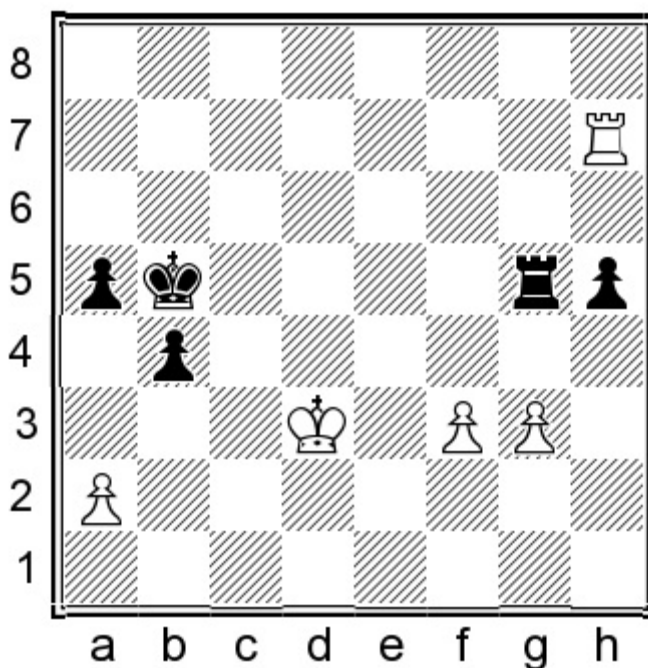
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25...♙xe4 26.♘xe4 ♘f5 27.♞d1+ ♔e7 28.♙f2 b6=

26.♞xe2 ♞c1+ 27.♘d1 ♞xd1+ 28.♔f2 ♙xe4 29.♞xe4 h5

29...♞d2+ 30.♞e2 ♞d5 31.♔e3=

30.♞b4 b6 31.♔e2 ♞d5 32.♞c4 ♘e5 33.♙xe5 ♞xe5+ 34.♔d3= ♔d6 35.h4 ♞d5+ 36.♔e3 ♞e5+ 37.♔d3 ♞d5+ 38.♔e3 b5 39.♞f4 a5 40.♞f7 g5 41.hxg5 ♞xg5 42.♞h7 b4 43.g3 ♔c5 44.♔d3 ♔b5



45.g4! hxg4 46.fxg4 ♔a4

46...♞xg4 47.♞h5+ ♔a4 48.♔c2= - 46...Ka4

47.♞h5 ♞xg4 48.♔c2 ♞g8

48...♞g2+ 49.♔b1=

49.♔b2 ♞f8 50.♞g5 ♞b8 51.♞h5 ♞b5 52.♞xb5 ♔xb5 53.a3 ♔c4 54.axb4 axb4 55.♔c2 1/2-1/2

25. B07

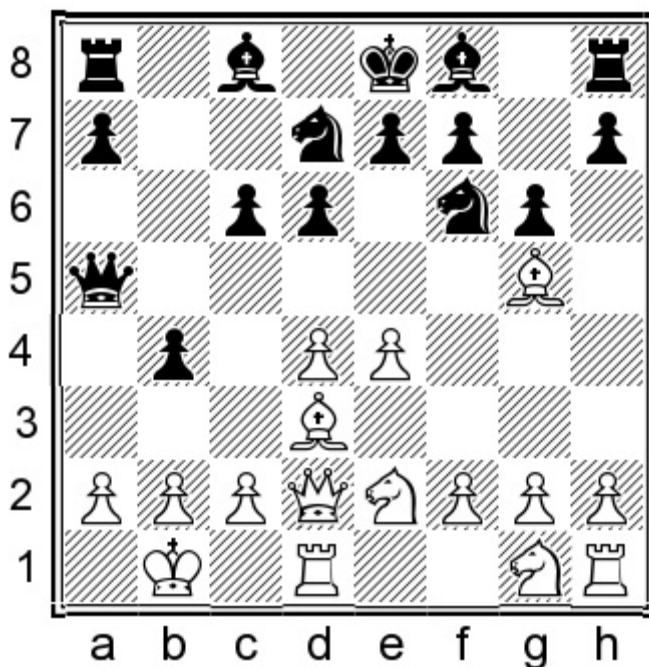
Perunovic, Milos (2567) - Djukic, Nikola (2507)

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6.f4 - 64/109

6...♚a5 7.♔b1 b5 8.♙d3 b4 9.♘ce2



9...♙g7?!N

9...c5?! 10.e5!±; 9...h6! 10.♙e3 ♙g7 11.f3 c5 12.♘h3 ♙b7 13.♘f2∞

10.♙h6! ♙xh6

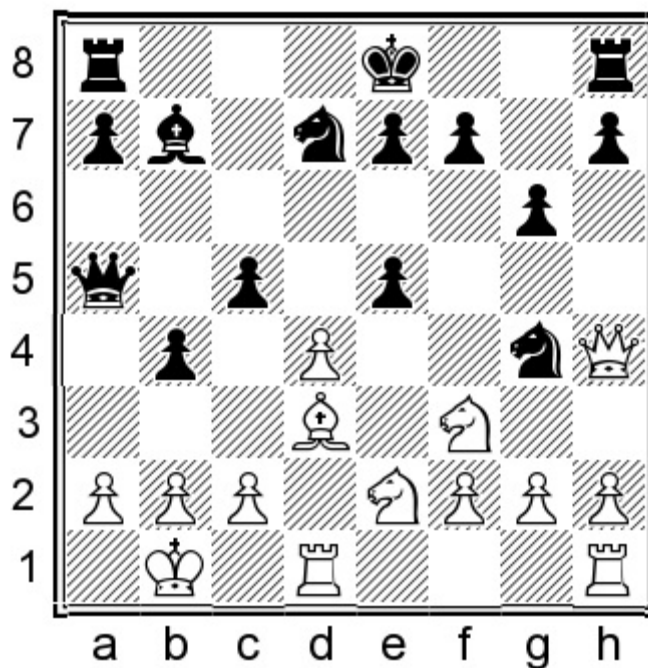
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11.♚xh6 c5?

11...♙a6 12.♘f3 ♙xd3 13.cxd3 ♚h5 14.♚d2 ♚b5 15.♚he1±

12.♘f3 ♙b7 13.e5! ♙xf3

13...dxe5 14.dxe5 ♘g4 15.♚f4 ♘xf2 16.♘g5 ♙d5 17.♚xf2 ♚xa2+ 18.♔c1 c4 19.♙xg6 fxg6 20.♚xd5 ♚f8 21.♚d4 ♚a1+ 22.♔d2 ♚xh1 23.♚xc4 ♚f2 24.♚b5 ♚xg2 25.♚xd7+; 13...♘g4 14.♚h4 (14.♚f4 ♘xf2 15.♘g5 (15.exd6 ♘xd1! 16.♚xd1 exd6 17.♘g5 O-O-O 18.♘xf7 ♚hf8 19.♘xd6+ ♔b8∞) 15...♙d5! 16.♚xf2 ♚xa2+ 17.♔c1 c4 18.♙e4 c3 19.bxc3 ♙xe4 20.♘xe4 ♘b6 21.♔d2 b3∞) 14...dxe5



15. d2! (15. xg4 e4 16. xe4 f6 17. f4 xe4) 15... d5 16. c4 xc4 17. xc4 a6 18. b3 gf6 19. dxe5 xe5 20. xe5 xe2 21. he1 h5 22. c4 O-O 23. g4 xh2 24. g5 h5 25. xc5±

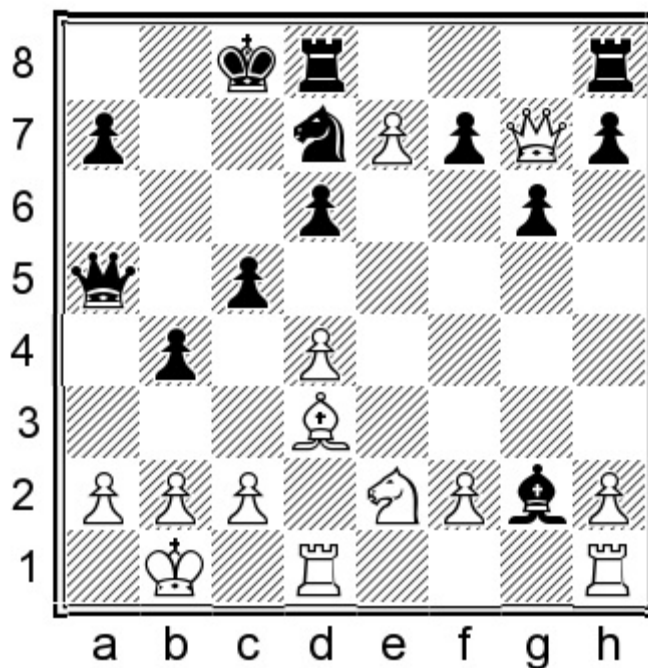
14. exf6 xg2

14... d5 15. c4 bxc3 16. xc3 xf6 (16... cxd4 17. xd5 xd5 18. g7+-; 16... c4 17. xd5 xd5 18. g7 O-O-O 19. xc4 f5+ 20. d3 xf6 21. xf6 xf6 22. c1+-) 17. b5+ d8 18. dxc5+-

15. g7 O-O-O

15... f8 16. fxe7 xe7 17. he1+-

16. fxe7



16...Rdg8

16...Rde8 17.Rhe1+-

17.Qxf7 cxd4 18.Qc4+ Qc5 19.Rhe1 Qd5 20.Qxd4 Re8 21.Qa6+ Qb7 22.Qxb7+ Qxb7 23.Qe4+ Qb8 24.Qd4 Qe5 25.f4 Qc4 26.Qe6 Qb5 27.Rd4 Rc8 28.Qf8 d5 29.e8=Q Rxe8 30.Qxe8+ Qxe8 31.Rxe8+ 1-0

26. B11

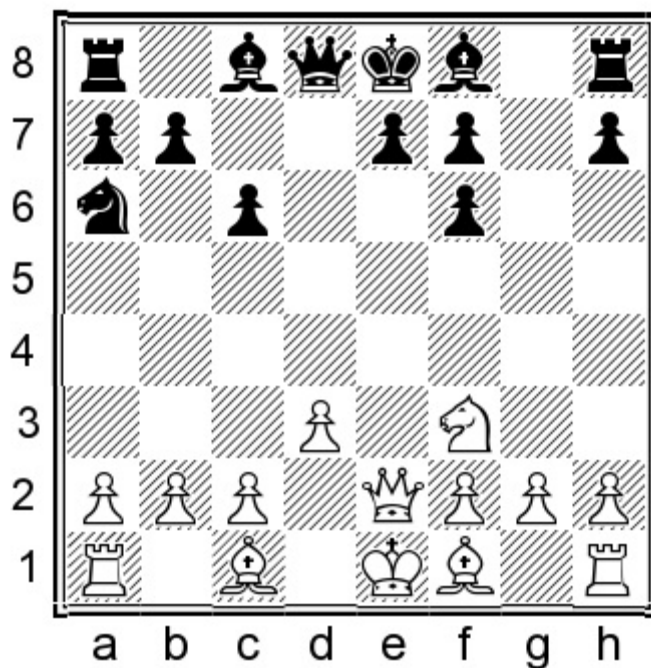
Brkic, Ante (2592) - Salem, AR Saleh (2682)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/26, 2021

1.e4 c6 2.Qc3 d5 3.Qf3 dxe4 4.Qxe4 Qf6 5.Qe2 Qa6

5...Qxe4 - 148/21

6.Qxf6+ gxf6 7.d3



7...♔d5N

7...♙g4 8.h3 ♙h5 9.g4 (9.♙e3) 9...♙g6 10.♙d2 (10.♙g2!?) 10...e6 11.♘h4 ♘b4 12.♙c3 (12.♙xb4 ♙xb4+ 13.c3 ♙d6⌘) 12...♘d5=

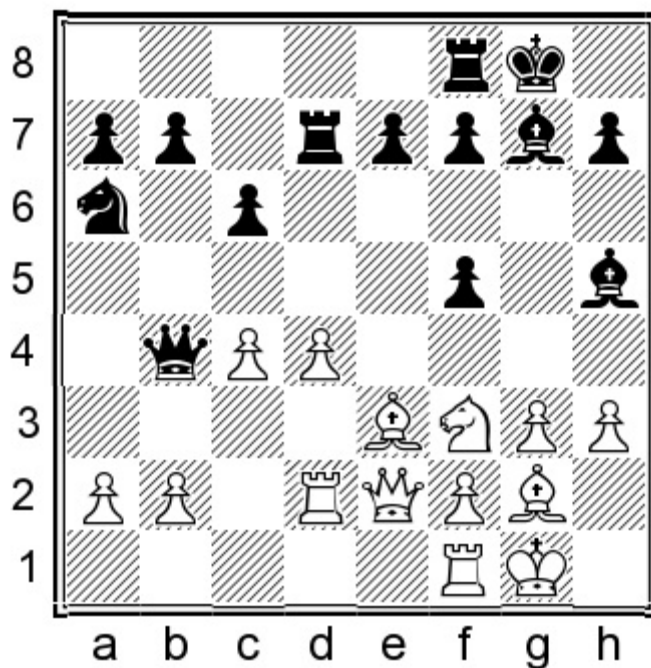
8.c4 ♔d6

8...♔h5!? 9.♙e3 ♙g4 10.O-O-O O-O-O∞

9.♙e3 ♙g7 10.♙d1 O-O?!

10...♙g4 11.d4 O-O-O (11...f5 12.h3 ♙h5 13.g4 fxg4 14.♘h4!↑) 12.h3 ♙h5 13.g4 ♙g6 14.♙g2±

11.g3 ♙g4 12.♙g2 f5 13.d4 ♔b4+ 14.♙d2 ♙ad8 15.O-O ♙d7 16.h3 ♙h5



16...♙xf3 17.♙xf3 ♖fd8 18.♖fd1 ♜c7 19.b3±

17.g4! fxg4 18.♞e5 gxh3?

18...♙xe5 19.hxg4! (19.dxe5? ♖xd2 20.♙xd2 ♘xb2) 19...♙f6 20.gxh5 ♔h8 21.♔h1 ♖g8 22.♙e4±

19.♘h5 hxg2 20.♔xg2→ ♖d6 21.♖h1 h6 22.♖h3 f5

22...♖f6 23.♖g3 ♔h7 24.♘g4 ♖g8 25.♞xf7!+-

23.♖g3 ♔h7 24.♞f7!

24.♙xh6! ♖xh6 (24...♙xh6 25.♖e2 f4 26.♖g6 f3+ 27.♔h2+-) 25.♘g5 ♙h8 26.♘h6+! ♔xh6 27.♖d1+-

24...♘xc4 25.♘xf5+ ♔g8 26.♞xd6 1-0

27. ** B11

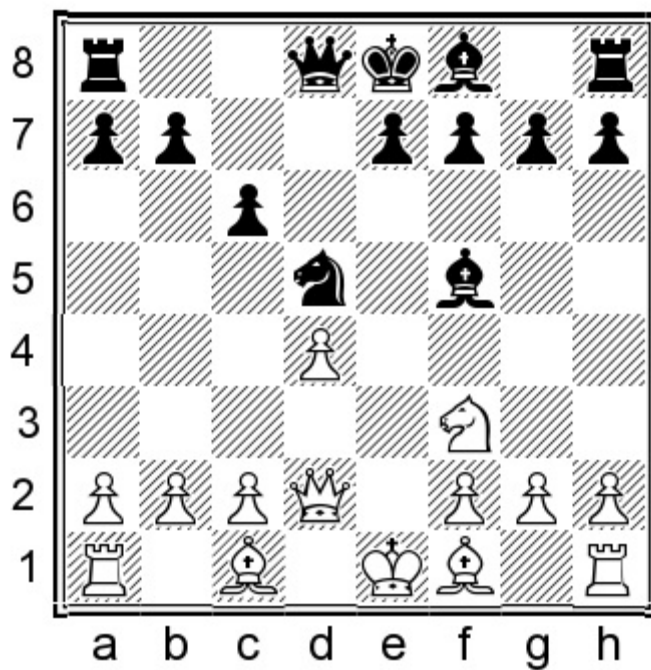
Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Caruana, Fabiano (2806)

Saint Louis (blitz) 149/27, 2021

1.e4 c6 2.♞c3 d5 3.♞f3 dxe4 4.♞xe4 ♞f6 5.♖e2 ♞xe4 6.♖xe4 ♞d7 7.d4

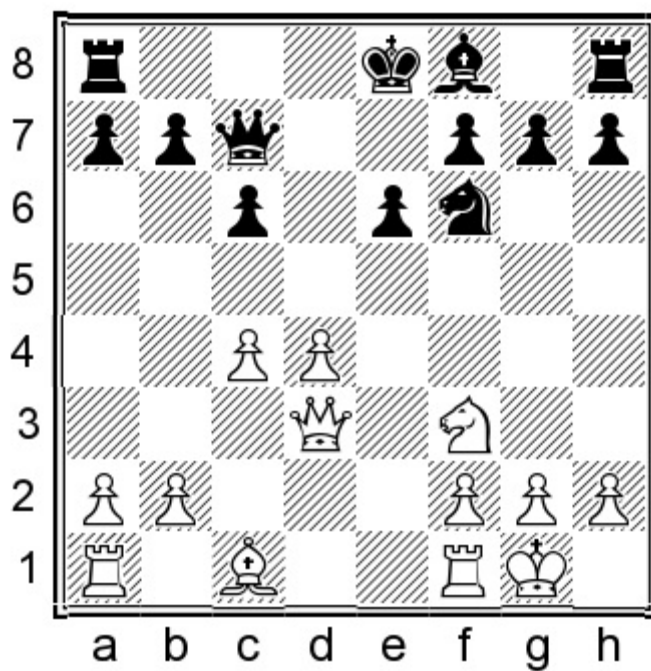
7.♙c4 - 127/40

7...♞f6 8.♖f4 ♞d5 9.♖d2 ♙f5



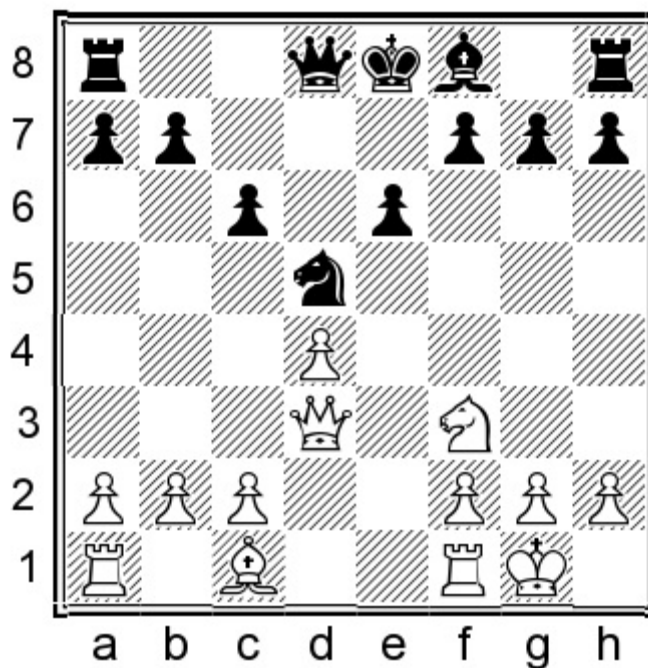
10.♙d3!?N

10.c4 - 149/(27) 10...♘f6 11.♙d3 ♙xd3 12.♚xd3 e6 13.O-O (13.♙d2 Δ 0-0-0) 13...♚c7



14.♙g5N (14.♚c2; 14.♞e1) 14...♙e7 15.♞fe1 ♞d8= Lagno,K (2558) -Gunina,V (2436) chess.com (Int.-m2/1-blitz) 149/(27) 2021

10...♙xd3 11.♚xd3 e6 12.O-O



12...♙d6N

12...a5 - 149/(27) 13.c4 ♘f6 14.♘e5 ♙e7 15.♙f4 O-O 16.♖ad1 a4 17.♗fe1 ♕a5 18.♗e3 ♖fd8 19.♕e2 ♗b6 20.c5 ♗b5 21.♕c2 b6 22.cxb6 c5 23.♖h3 ♖d5 24.b4 cxb4 25.♙g5 ♖e8 26.♙xf6 ♙xf6 27.♕xh7+ ♔f8 28.♖c1 ♙xe5 29.dxe5 ♖ed8= Enev,Z-Nichols,S corr 149/(27) 2020

13.c4 ♘e7 14.b3 O-O 15.♙b2 ♕a5 16.a3 ♖fd8 17.♕e2 ♗h5 18.♗fe1

18.♖ad1? ♙xh2+!-+

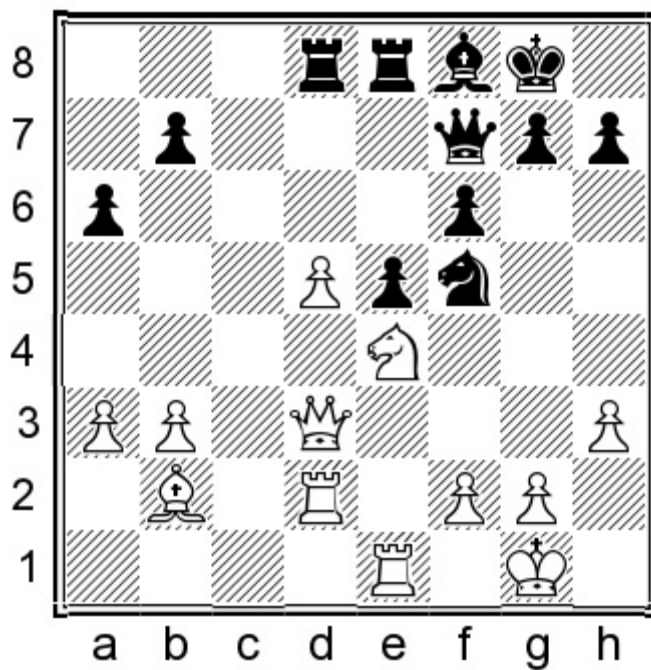
18...♘f5 19.♖ad1 ♖e8 20.d5 cxd5 21.cxd5 e5 22.♕e4 ♘h6 23.h3

23.♙xe5? ♙xe5 24.♘xe5 (24.♕a4 f6-+) 24...f6-+

23...f6 24.♕a4 ♗f7 25.♘d2 a6 26.♘e4 ♖ad8 27.♕c4

27.♘xd6 ♖xd6 28.f4 e4 29.♖xe4 b5 30.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 31.♕d4 ♘f5 32.♕d3 ♘e7 33.♕e4 ♕d7=

27...♘f5 28.♖d2 ♙f8! ♢ [x d5] 29.♕d3



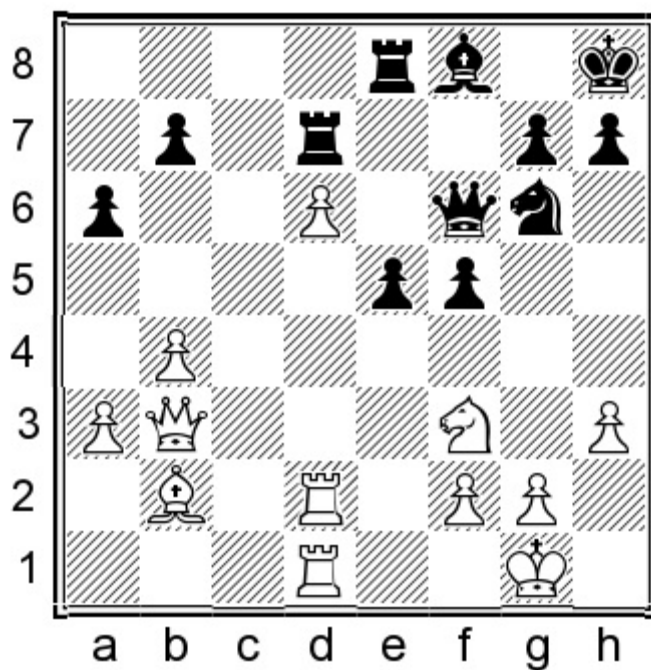
29...Rd7?

29...Nxd4! 30. Qxd4 exd4 31. Rde2 (31. Qxd4? f5--+) 31...f5 32. Ng3 Rxe2 33. Nxe2 Qxd5 34. Nf4 Qf7 35. b4 g6

30. Qf3 Nh4 31. Qg3 Ng6 32. Rcd1 Rcd8 33. d6 f5?!

33...h6 Δ f5

34. Ng5 Qf6 35. b4! Rxe8 36. Qb3+ Kh8 37. Nf3



37...Rxd6?

37...h6 38.h4!? ♖xh4 39.♖xh4 ♕xh4 40.♞d5 e4 (40...♞f6? 41.f4+-) 41.♞xf5±

38.♞xd6 ♕xd6 39.♞d5 ♕f8 40.♞xb7± h6 41.♞e1 ♖h7 42.g3 ♞d6

♙42...♞e6 43.♕xe5±

43.♞f7+- ♞e6 44.♞xe6 ♞xe6 45.♖xe5 a5

45...♖xe5 46.♕xe5+-

46.b5 a4 47.♖f1 ♞b6 48.♖xg6 ♖xg6 49.♞e5 ♞b7 50.♞d5 ♕e7 51.h4 h5 52.♖e2 ♞b8

52...f4 53.♖d3 fxg3 54.fxg3 ♖h6 55.♕d4 ♕xa3 56.b6+-

53.♖d3 ♞c8

53...♞b7 54.♕d4 ♕xa3 55.b6 ♕e7 56.♖c4 a3 57.♖b5 a2 58.♖a6 ♞b8 59.b7+-

54.b6 ♞b8 55.♞b5 ♖f7 56.b7 ♖e6 57.♕e5 ♕d6 58.♕xd6 ♖xd6 59.♖c4 ♖c6 60.♖b4 1-0

28. !N B12

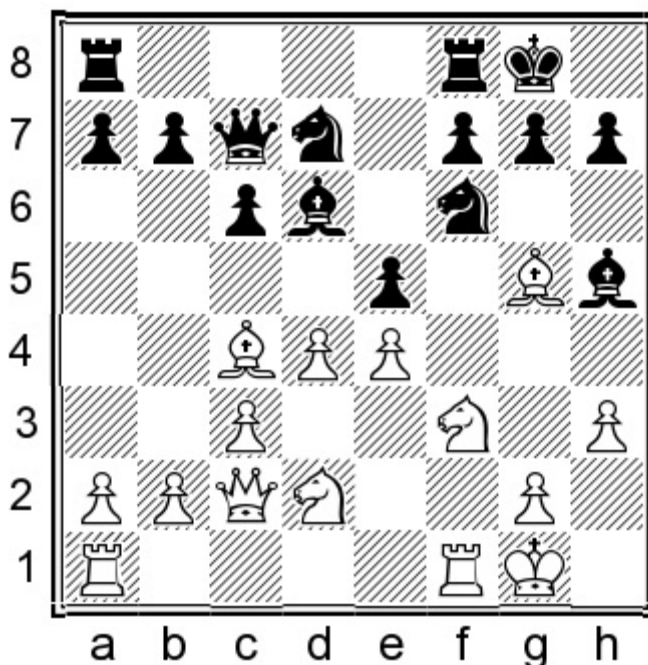
Erigaisi, Arjun (2567) - Salem, AR Saleh (2682)

Biel (open) 149/28, 2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.♖f3 ♕g4 6.♕c4 ♖d7 7.O-O ♖gf6 8.c3 ♕d6 9.♕g5 O-O
10.♖bd2 ♞c7

10...b5 - 147/24; 10...♕h5 - 146/(30)

11.h3 ♕h5 12.♞c2



12...b5!N =

12...♙g6; 12...h6

13.♙d3 a6 14.a4 ♜fe8

14...h6 15.♙xf6 (15.♙h4 ♙g6 16.dxe5 ♙xe5 17.♘xe5 ♜xe5 18.♞ae1 ♜d6 19.♞e3 ♜fe8 20.♞fe1 ♘e5) 15...♘xf6 16.♘h4 c5! 17.axb5 axb5 18.♞xa8 ♞xa8 19.dxe5 ♙xe5 20.♙xb5 c4 21.♙xc4 ♞d8 22.g4 ♙g3 23.♘f5 ♙g6 24.♙d3 ♙xf5 25.♞xf5 ♙h4 26.e5 ♜c5+ 27.♔g2 g6 28.♘b3 ♜e3 29.♞f3 ♘d5 30.♘d4 ♜xe5

15.♘h4 h6

15...♙g6 16.♘xg6 hxg6 17.b4 ♜b6 18.♜b2 ♘f8=

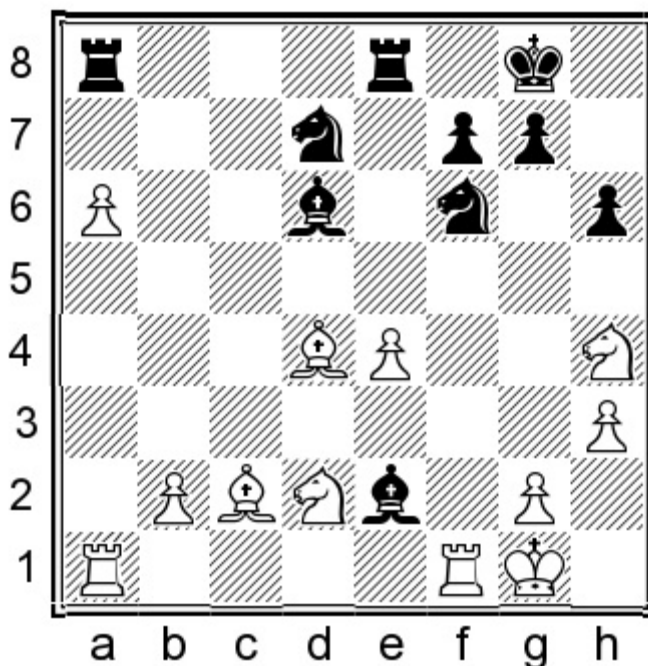
16.♙e3 c5?! 17.axb5 cxd4

17...axb5 18.dxe5 ♞xa1 19.♞xa1 ♙xe5 20.♙xb5 ♙f4 21.♜d3 ♙xe3+ 22.♜xe3 ♞b8 23.♙f1 ♘e5 (23...♞xb2 24.♘c4 ♞b8 25.♘f5 ♘f8 26.e5 ♘d5 27.♜d2 ♘e7 28.♘xe7+ ♜xe7 29.♜d6±) 24.♘c4 ♘xc4 25.♙xc4 ♜e5=

18.cxd4 ♜xc2 19.♙xc2 exd4 20.♙xd4 ♙e2

20...axb5 21.♞xa8 ♞xa8 22.g4 ♙g6 23.♘xg6 fxg6 24.♘f3±

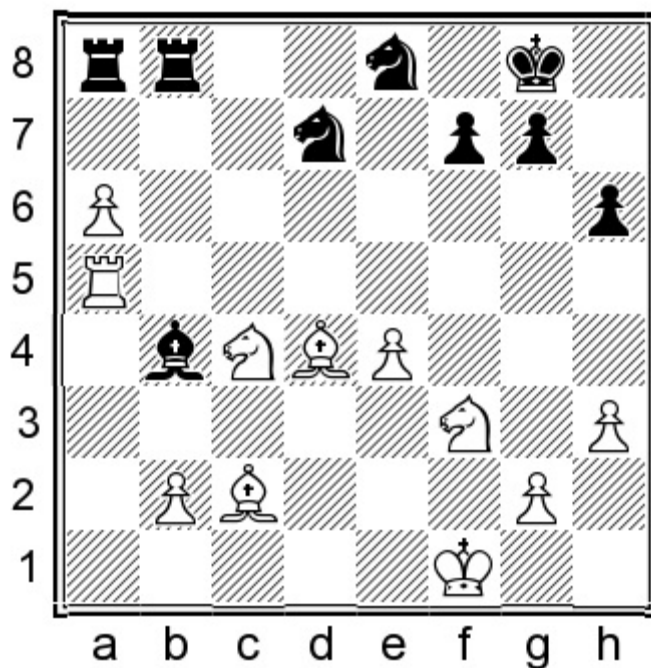
21.bxa6!



21...♙c5?!

21...♙xf1 22.♔xf1 ♙b4 23.♘hf3±; 21...♙xa6 22.♞fc1 ♙f4 23.♘hf3 ♙b7 24.♞xa8 ♞xa8 25.♞e1 ♙g3 26.♙f2 ♙xf2+ 27.♔xf2 ♘c5 28.e5 ♘d5 29.♘e4 ♘e6 30.♘d6±

22.♘hf3 ♙xf1?! 23.♔xf1 ♞eb8 24.♘c4± ♘e8 25.♞a5 ♙b4



26.♖d5??

26.♖a2 ♘c5 27.♙c3±

26...♜ef6 27.♙xf6

27.♖f5 ♖xa6 28.♜ce5 g6 29.♖f4 ♘c5 30.♖xf6 ♖a1+ 31.♜e2 ♜xf6 32.♙xc5 ♖xb2 33.♜d3 ♜xe4 34.♙d4 ♖a3+ 35.♜xe4 ♖xc2--

27...♜xf6 28.♖d1 ♖xa6-+ 29.e5 ♜h5 30.♜d4 ♖d8 31.♜e2 ♜f4+ 32.♜f3 ♜e6 33.♜f5

33.♜xe6 ♖xd1 34.♙xd1 fxe6

33...♖xd1 34.♙xd1 ♖a1 35.♙e2 h5 36.♙d3 ♖d1 37.♜e2 ♖c1 38.♜f3 g6 39.♜fe3 ♙c5 40.h4 ♜g7 41.g3 ♜f8 42.♜e2 ♜d4+ 43.♜f2

43.♜d2 ♖g1

43...♜c2 44.♜e2 ♖e1+ 0-1

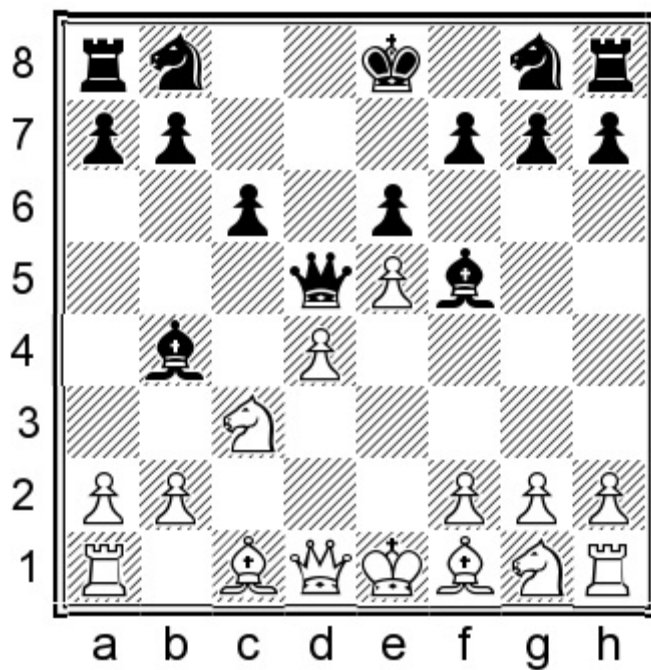
29. *** B12

Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/29, 2021

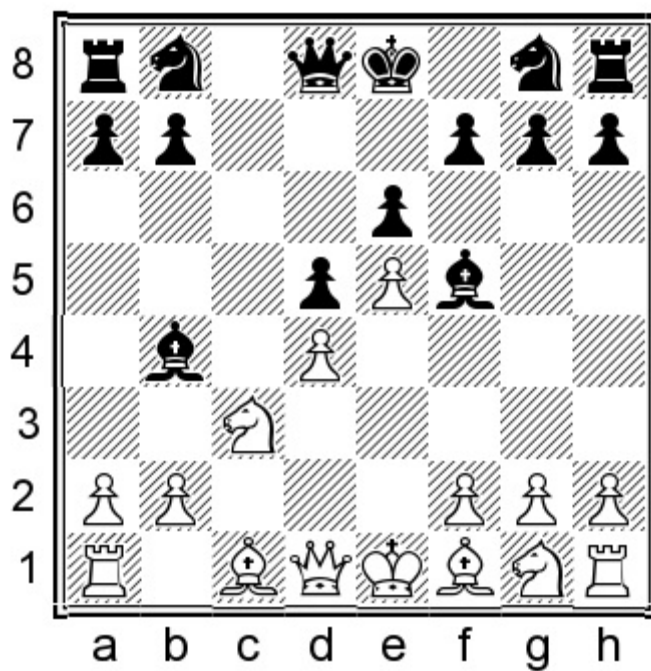
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5...♜e7 6.a3 dxc4 7.♙xc4 ♜d7 8.♜ge2 ♜b6 9.♙b3 ♙g6 - 94/(60) (9...♜ed5 - 90/71)

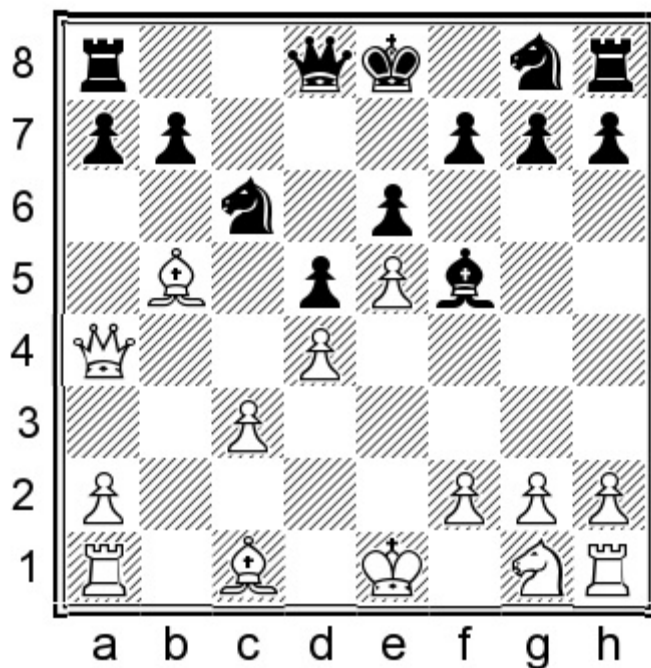
6.cxd5 ♖xd5



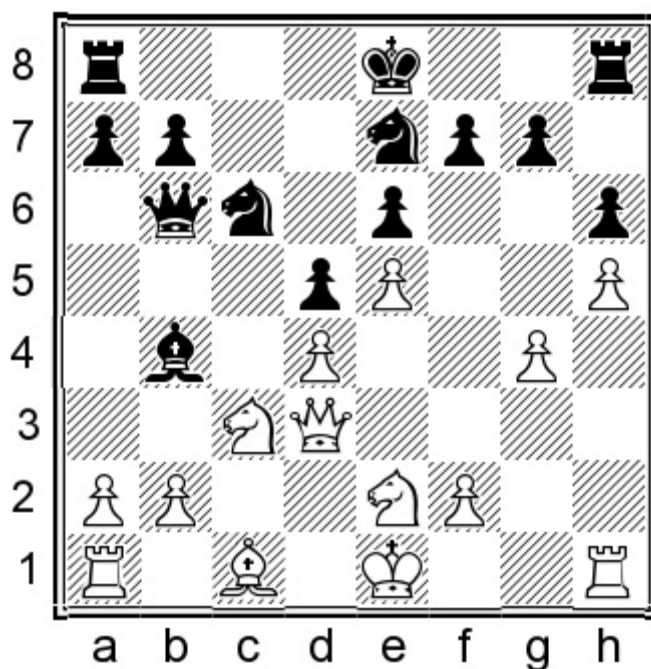
6...cxd5



7.h4!?N (7.♔a4+ - 149/(29) 7...♘c6 8.♙b5 ♙xc3+ (8...♔d7) 9.bxc3



9...♘e7 (9...♙b6) 10.♘e2 O-O 11.♘g3 ♕g6 12.O-O a6 13.♖e2 ♜c8♞ Okike,D (2177)-Solon,N (2306) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 149/(29) 2021) 7...h6 8.g4 ♕h7 9.h5 ♘c6 10.♖d3 ♖xd3 11.♙xd3 ♙b6 12.♘e2 ♘ge7



13.f4 Paravyan,D (2654) -Abdusattorov,N (2627) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 149/(29) 2020 - 149/(29) (13.f4 f6♞; 13.♝f1N f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.♙f3± Torosyan,N (2374)-Davtyan,A (2278) Armenia 149/(29) 2021)

7.♘e2N

7.a3; 7.♖d2; 7.♘f3

7...♔d8

7...♘e7 8.a3 ♕xc3+ 9.♘xc3 ♔a5 10.♖g5!? ♘d5 11.b4 ♘xc3 12.bxa5 ♘xd1 13.♖xd1±

8.a3 ♖a5 9.♘g3 ♘e7 10.♖c4 ♖g6

10...O-O 11.♖g5 ♖g6 12.O-O Δ f4→; 10...h6 11.O-O ♘d7 12.♘xf5 ♘xf5 13.g4! ♘h4 14.♘e4 ♖c7 15.f4↑

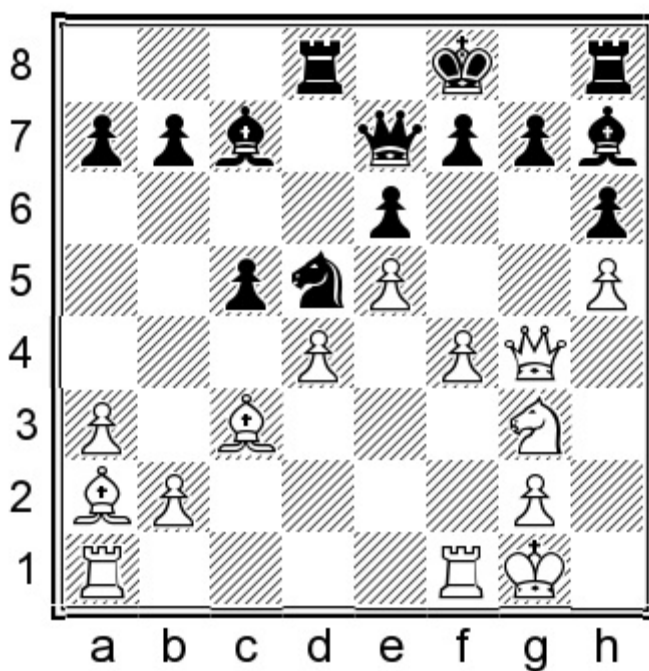
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12...♖f5 13.O-O O-O 14.b4 ♖c7 15.a4↑

13.♔g4! ♔f8 14.O-O ♘d7 15.♘ce4 ♖c7 16.♖a2 ♘f5 17.♘xf5 ♖xf5 18.♔f3 ♔e7 19.♘g3 ♖h7 20.♔g4 c5 21.♖d2 ♖d8

21...cxd4 22.♖b4 ♘c5 23.♖ac1 b6 24.f4→

22.f4 ♘b6 23.♖c3 ♘d5



24.f5! ♘e3 25.♔f3 ♘xf5

25...♘xf1 26.♖xf1→

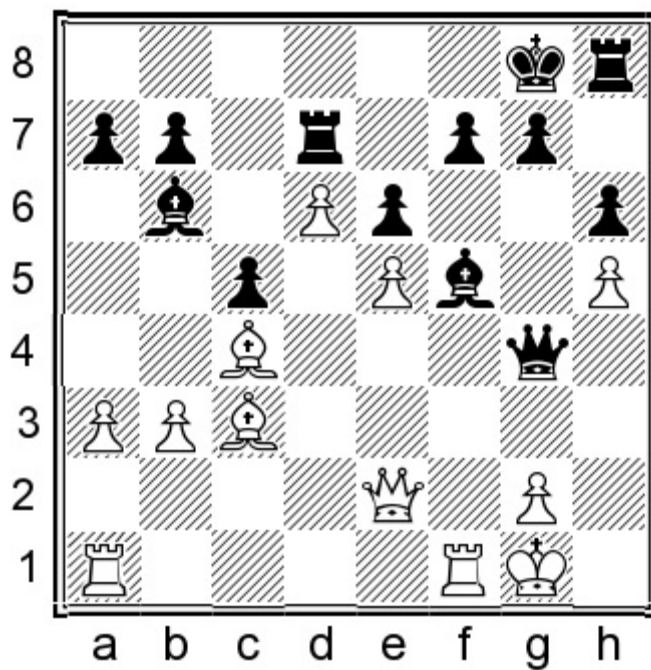
26.♘xf5 ♖xf5 27.d5 ♖b6 28.♖c4! ♔g8

28...exd5 29.♔xf5 dxc4 30.e6 f6 31.♖xf6! gxf6 (31...♔xf6 32.♔g6+-) 32.♔g6+-

29.d6

29.♔e2! Δ♔h4 30.♖xf5! exf5 31.d6 ♔h7 32.♖f1+-

29...♔h4 30.b3 ♖d7 31.♔e2 ♔g4



♘31...♙g4 32.♚e3 ♚xh5 33.♞f4 ♙d1! (Δ Bb3!) 34.♙d2±

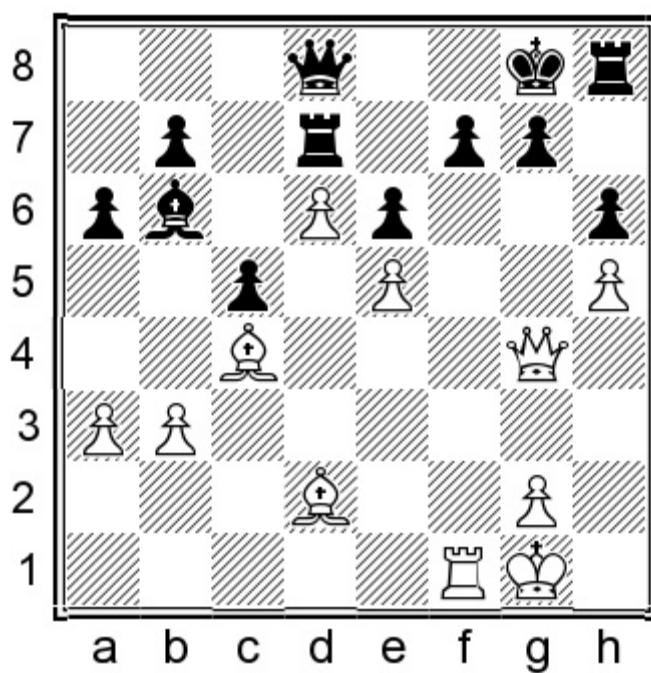
32.♞xf5! ♚xf5

32...exf5 33.♚xg4 fxg4 34.♞f1 ♔h7 35.♞xf7 ♞xf7 36.♙xf7+-

33.♞f1 ♚g5 34.♙d2 ♚d8

34...♚h4 35.♞f4 ♚d8 36.♚g4+-

35.♚g4 a6



36.♞xf7! ♔xf7

36...♖xf7 37.♔xe6 ♕f8 38.d7 ♖d8 39.♔e8 ♖h7 40.♖xf7+-

37.♔xe6+ ♖f8 38.♔f5+ ♖e8 39.♔g6+ ♖f8 40.♔f5+ ♖e8 41.♔g6+ ♖f8 42.e6 ♕f6 43.exd7 ♕xg6 44.hxg6 ♖d8 45.♖e6 ♖h5 46.♖f2 h4 47.♖g4 b5 48.♖f3 b4

48...a5 49.♖e4+-; 48...♖h6 49.♖xh6 gxh6 50.♖e4 ♖g7 51.♖f5+-; 48...h3 49.gxh3+-

49.axb4 cxb4

49...cxb4 50.♖e4 a5 51.♖f5 a4 52.♖g5 ♖b6 53.♖e7+ ♖g8 54.♖f3 ♖h6 55.♖d5+ ♖h8 56.d8=♔+ ♖xd8 57.♖xd8+-

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30. * B12

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2749) - Anand, Viswanathan (2753)
Zagreb (rapid) 149/30, 2021

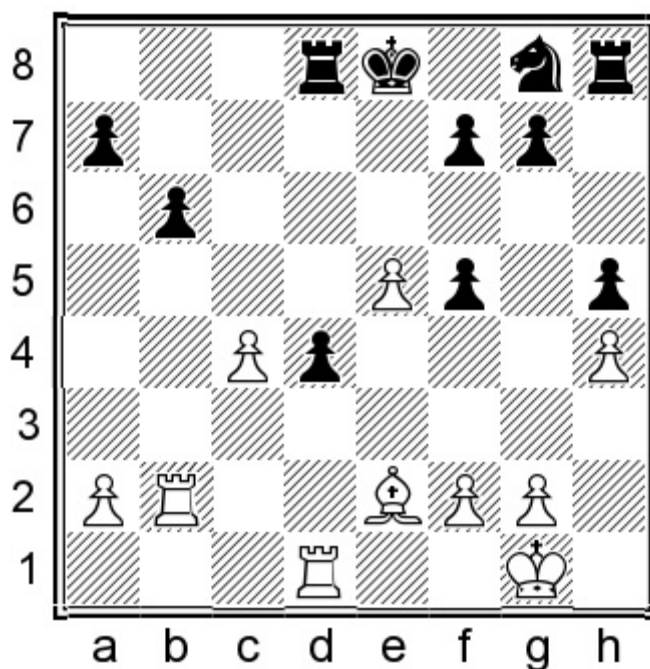
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♖f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♖e2 c5 6.♖e3 ♕b6 7.♘c3 ♘c6 8.O-O ♕xb2 9.♔e1 cxd4 10.♖xd4 ♘xd4 11.♘xd4 ♖b4 12.♖b1 ♖xc3 13.♖xb2 ♖xe1 14.♖xe1 b6 15.h4 h5 16.♘xf5

16.a4 - 108/(39)

16...exf5 17.c4 d4 18.♖d1

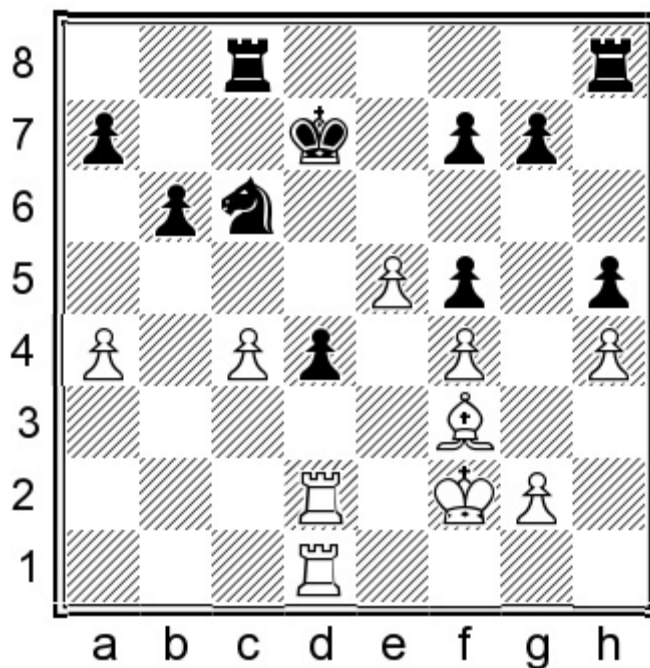
18.♖d2

18...♖d8



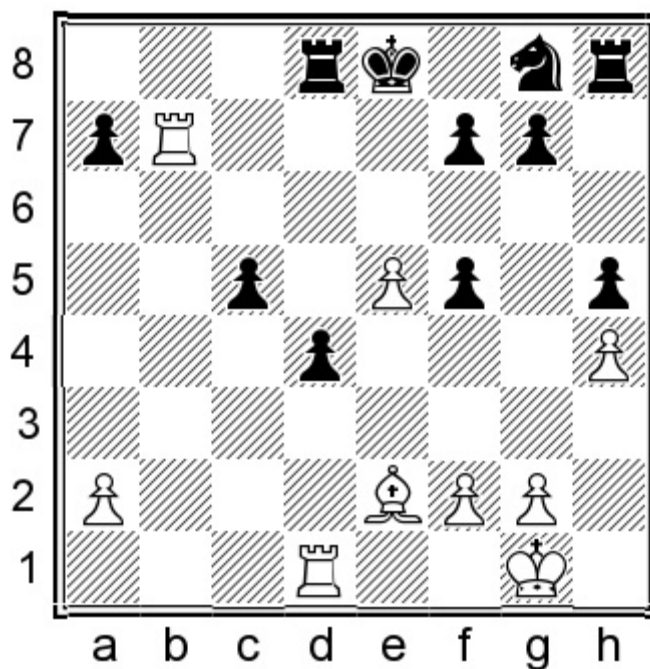
19.c5N

19.♖bd2 - 149/(30) 19...♘e7 20.f4 ♘c6 21.♖f3 ♖d7 22.a4 ♖c8 23.♖f2



23...g6?! (23...Rf6! 24.Bxc6+ Rfxc6 25.Rxd4+ Qe8=) 24.Bxc6+ Qxc6 25.Rxd4 Rf7 26.Qe3 Rf8 27.Qd3 Rf7 (27...Qb7 28.Rb1±) 28.Rxd7 Qxd7 29.Qc3+ Qc7 30.Rd6± Shirov,A (2662) -Najer,E (2648) tornelo.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(30) 2021

19...bxc5 20.Rb7



20...Qe7

20...Rf6! 21.Bc4 (21.Rxa7?! Rf6! 22.f4 (22.Bc4 Rf7 23.Ra5; 22.Rc7 Rxe5 23.Bb5+ Qf8 24.a4 Δf6 25.a5 Qe8 26.Bxe8 Rdx8 27.f4 Rf5 28.a6 d3 29.a7 d2 30.Qf2 Rf4 31.Rxc5 Rxf4+ 32.Qg3 Rg4+ 33.Qh3 Rf3+ 34.g3 Rfxg3+ (34...Rgxg3+ 35.Qh2 Rf3+ 36.Qg2=; 34...Ra4 35.Rxd2 Rxa7 36.Rxf5=) 35.Qh2 Rg2+ 36.Qh1 Rg1+ 37.Qh2!=) 22...Rf7) 21...Qe7 22.Rxa7 Rb6∞

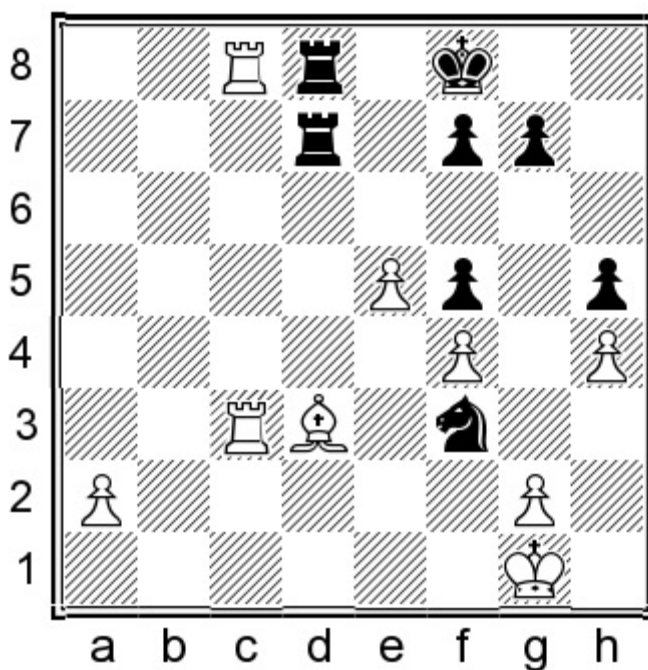
21.♖xa7 ♘g6?

21...♖h6 22.♖c7 ♖b6 23.♖xc5 ♖b2 24.♙c4∞

22.♙b5+ ♔f8 23.f4! ♖h6

23...♘xf4 24.♙c4 ♘e6 25.a4 ♖h6 26.a5 ♖g6 27.a6 ♖g4 28.♖d3! ♖xh4 29.♖b7 ♖e4 30.a7 ♖e1+ 31.♔f2 ♖a1 32.♖d2+- Δ Ra2

24.♙c4 ♘e7 25.♖b1! d3 26.♙xd3 ♘c6 27.♖a3 ♖e6 28.♖c1 ♘d4 29.♖xc5± ♖e7 30.♖ac3 ♖ed7 31.♖c8 ♘f3+



32.♔f2!

32.gxf3? ♖xd3 33.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 34.a4 ♖d1+ 35.♔f2 ♖a1 36.♖c4 ♖a3 37.♖b4 g6±

32...♖xd3 33.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 34.♔xf3 ♖d2 35.a3 ♔e7

35...f6 36.exf6 gxf6 37.g3+-

36.g3 ♔e6 37.♔e3 ♖d1 38.♖d3 ♖a1 39.♔d4 ♔d7 40.♔c5+ ♔c7 41.♖c3 ♖d1 42.a4 ♖d2 43.a5 ♖a2 44.♔b4+ ♔b7 45.♖a3 ♖c2 46.a6+ ♔a7 47.♔b5 ♖c1 48.♖d3 1-0

31. B12

Emelianov, Mikhail - Hegoburu, Pedro
corr 149/31, 2020

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♙f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♙e2 ♘e7 6.O-O h6 7.♘bd2 ♘d7 8.♘b3 g5 9.a4 ♙g7 10.a5 ♖c8 10...♞c7 11.♙d2 f6 12.exf6 ♙xf6 13.h3 O-O-O 14.a6 b6 15.♖e1 ♔b8 16.♖c1 ♖dg8 17.♘h2 h5 18.♙xh5 ♙xh3 19.gxh3 g4 20.♙xg4 ♖xh3 21.♘f1 ♖h4 22.f3 ♖gh8 23.♖xe6 c5 24.♞e2 ♖h1+=; 10...O-O - 141/37

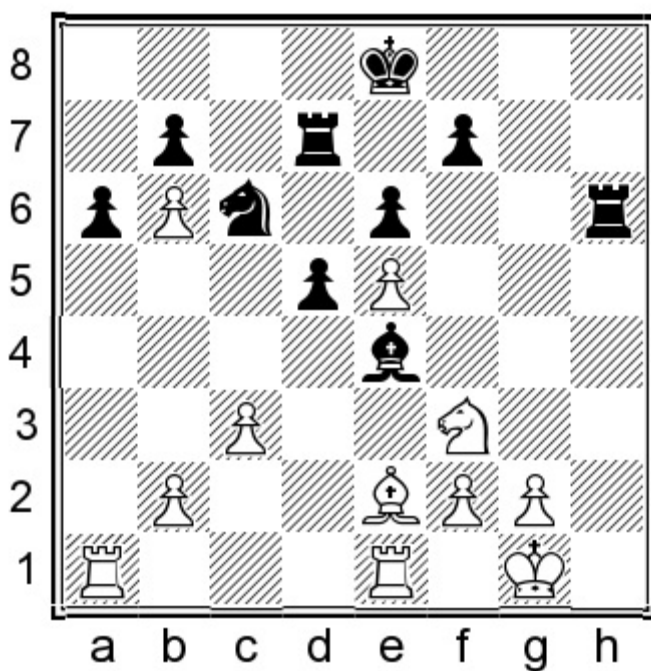
11.c3 a6 12.h4

12.♘e1 c5 13.f4 gxf4 14.♙xf4 O-O 15.♚c1 (15.♙d3 ♙xd3 16.♘xd3 c4 17.♘dc5 cxb3 18.♘xb7 ♚c7 19.♘d6 f6 20.♘xc8 ♚xc8 21.exf6 ♘xf6 22.♖a3 ♘d7 23.♖xb3 ♘c6 24.♖a3 ♘f6 25.♖b3 ♘d7 26.♖a3 ♘f6 27.g3 ♖f7 28.♙e3 ♖h7 29.♚d3+ ♖g8=) 15...♖h7 16.♚e3 cxd4 17.cxd4 f6 18.♘f3 fxe5 19.♘xe5 ♘xe5 20.♙xe5 ♙xe5 21.dxe5 ♘c6 22.♖f4 ♚c7 23.♖af1 ♚xe5 24.♚xe5 ♘xe5 25.♘d4 ♖fe8 26.♘xf5 exf5=

12...c5 13.♘xc5 ♘xc5 14.dxc5 ♖xc5 15.♚b3=

15.hxg5 hxg5 16.♙xg5 ♚c7=; 15.b4!? ♖xc3 16.b5=

15...♖c7 16.♖e1 ♘c6 17.hxg5 ♙e4 18.♚b6 ♖d7! 19.gxh6 ♙xh6 20.♙xh6 ♚xb6 21.axb6 ♖xh6



22.♘h2!?N

22.b4 ♙xf3 23.♙xf3 ♖e7 24.g3 ♖h8 25.♙d1 ♖c8 26.♙a4 d4 27.cxd4 ♖dd8 28.♙xc6 ♖xc6 29.b5=

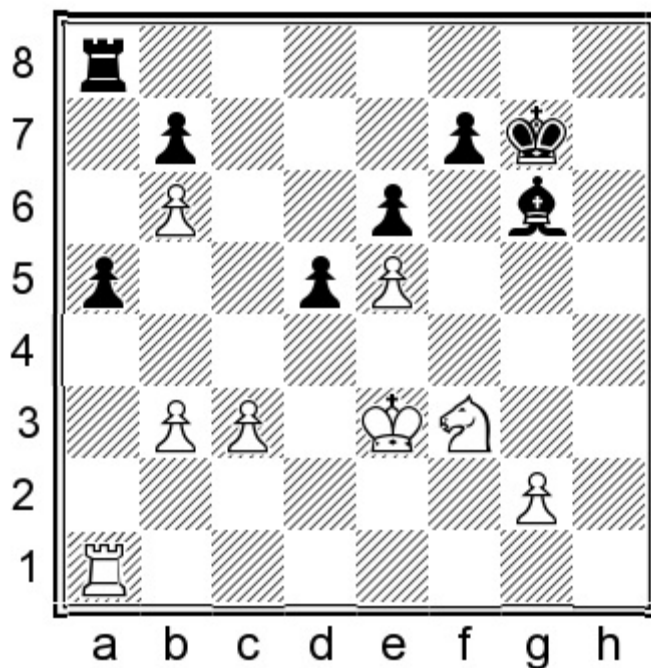
22...♘xe5 23.f3! ♙d3 24.f4! ♙xe2 25.fxe5 ♙h5 26.♖a4 ♖f8

26...f5 27.exf6 ♖xf6 28.♖h4 ♖h7 29.♘g4 ♖g6 30.♘e5 ♖g5 31.♘f3 ♖xg2+ 32.♖xg2 ♙xf3+ 33.♖h3±

27.♖h4 ♖g7 28.♖f2! ♖d8

28...♙g6 29.♖xh6 ♖xh6 30.♘f3 ♖d8 31.♖h1+ ♖g7 32.♖e3±

29.♖h1 ♙g6 30.♖xh6 ♖xh6 31.♘f3+ ♖g7 32.♖e3± ♖a8 33.♖a1 a5 34.b3



34...Ra6! 35.Nd4 Qh6! 36.Qf4 Rxb6

36...Qd3 37.g3 Rxb6 38.Qe3 Qg6 39.Rxa5=

37.Rxa5 Ra6 38.Rxa6 bxa6 39.Qc6 Qd3 40.Qa5= 1/2-1/2

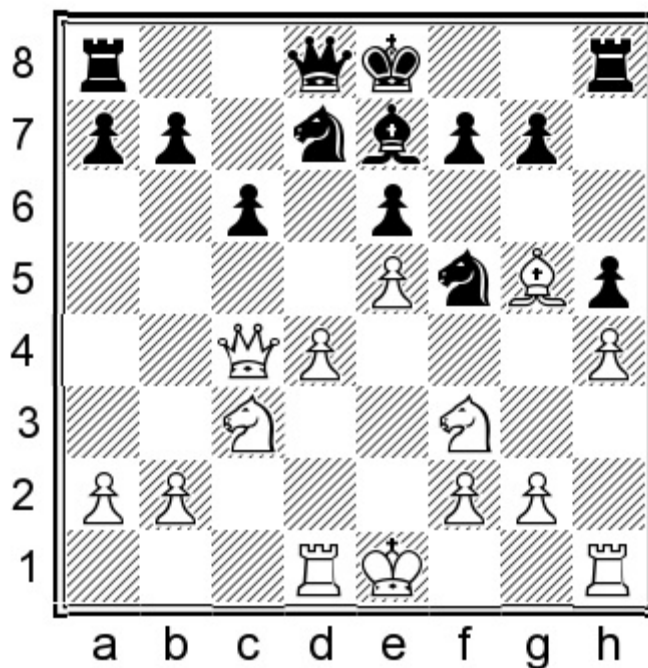
32. B12

Mareco, Sandro (2629) - Cori Tello, Jorge Moises (2652)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/32, 2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Qf5 4.h4 h5 5.Qd3 Qxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Qg5 Qe7 8.Qf3 Qh6 9.c4

9.Qc3 - 133/(46)

9...dxc4 10.Qxc4 Qf5 11.Qc3 Qd7 12.Rd1



12...a5N

12...♖b6 13.♙b3 (13.♙d3 O-O 14.g3 ♘d5 15.♙xe7 ♙xe7 16.O-O∞) 13...O-O 14.g3 ♘d5=

13.♘e4 ♘b6 14.♙e2 ♘d5 15.O-O a4 16.a3 ♙a5 17.g3± [×Ke8] 17...♙xg5 18.♘fxg5 ♖d8 19.♖d3 ♘c7 20.♖fd1 ♘b5 21.♘f3 O-O? 22.♘fg5 g6 23.♘f6+ ♔g7

23...♔h8 24.g4 ♘bxd4 25.♖xd4 ♘xd4 26.♙e3+-

24.♘xh5+! gxh5 25.♙xh5 ♘h6 26.♖f3! [Δ Rf6] 26...♘d6 27.exd6 ♙d5 28.♖f6! ♔xf6 29.♙xh6+ ♔f5 30.f3 ♖h8 31.g4+ 1-0

33. B15

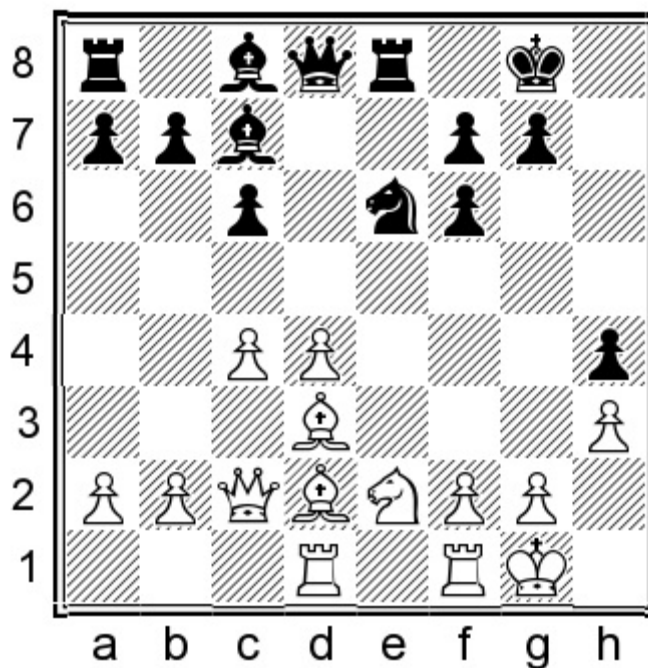
Kanov, Nikola (2140) - Nihal, Sarin (2620)

Veliko Gradiste 149/33, 2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘f6 5.♘xf6+ exf6 6.c3 ♙d6 7.♙d3 O-O 8.♘e2 ♖e8 9.♙c2 h5 10.O-O h4 11.h3 ♘d7 12.♙d2

12.♙e3 - 140/46

12...♘f8 13.♖ad1 ♙c7 14.c4 ♘e6



14...Wd6 15.f4 Ee2 16.fxd6 Exc2 17.fa3 fe6! (17...ff5?! 18.fxf5 Ee2 19.d5±) 18.fxc2 fxc4 19.fef1 de6

15.f3N

15.f3b4! Aa5 16.d5↑

15...dg5?!

15...g6 16.d5 Wd6 17.f4 dg7 18.f4d4 cxd5 19.f4b5 fb6+ 20.fh1 Wc6 21.cxd5 Wxd5 22.fxf6 fh5 23.f3c4 Wf5 (23...dg3+ 24.fh2 fxf1+ 25.fxf1 ff5 26.Wb3 Wc6 27.fxf7+ fh8 28.f5e5 Eed8∞) 24.fxf7+! fh8 (24...fh7? 25.f4d6+) 25.Wxf5 fxf5 26.fxh4 fh7 27.f4d6+ fh8 28.fxe8 Exe8∞

16.f4 fh3+? 17.gxh3 fxh3 18.f2 Wd7 19.fh2?!

19.f3e4 fg4 20.fh2 f5∞; 19.f3h7+! fh8 20.f3e4 fg4 (20...Ee7 21.f3b4!+-; 20...Wg4+ 21.fh1 Ead8 22.f3f3! Wd7 23.d5+-) 21.fh2 (21.Wd3±) 21...h3 (21...f5 22.fxh4+ fh8 23.fxg4 fxg4 24.fg3 fxf4 25.f3h7+ fh8 26.f3f5 Wd6 27.Wh2+ fh6 28.f3xg4+-) 22.Wd3±

19...fg4 20.f3e1?

20.Wd2! Ee7 (20...Ead8 21.f3g1±) 21.f3b4 Eee8 (21...Ee6 22.f3g1 f5 23.d5 cxd5 24.cxd5 Wxd5 (24...f3g6 25.f3c3 fb6 26.f3e1 fxf2 27.Wxf2+-) 25.f3xg4! Ee8 26.f3xh4 Wxd3 27.Wxd3 Exd3 28.f3c3+-) 22.f3g1 Ead8 23.f3c3 g6 24.f3c1±

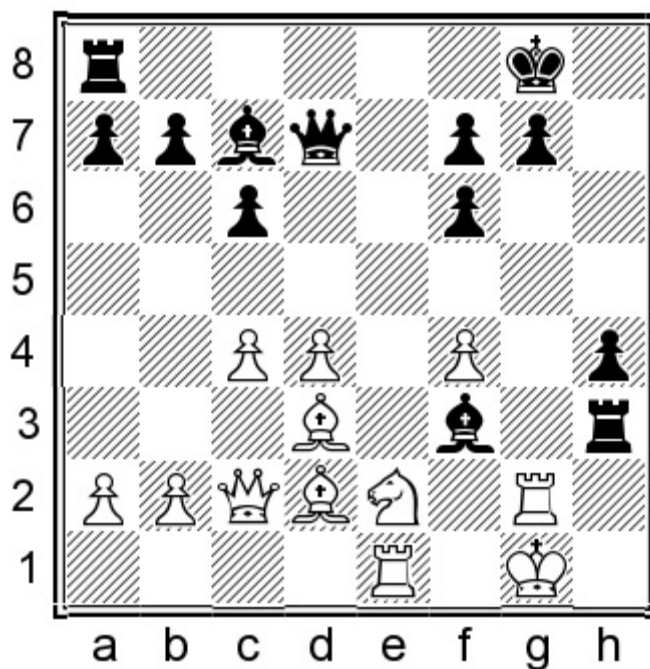
20...Ee3! 21.f3d2

21.Wd2 Eae8+-; 21.f3g1! Eae8 22.f3d2 fh3 (22...E3e7!?) 23.f3h7+ fh8 24.f3e4 fxe2 25.f3exe2 Wxd4∞

21...Eh3+ 22.f3g1

22.♔g2 ♕f3+! 23.♖xf3 ♜g4+-+

22...♕f3! 23.♖g2



23.♖xf3 ♜g4+-+

23...♖h1!

23...♕xg2? 24.♕f5+-

24.♔f2

24.♔xh1 ♜h3+-+

24...♜h3!

24...♕xg2 25.♕f5 ♜e7+; 24...♖xe1 25.♕xe1 ♕xg2 26.♕f5 ♜e7 27.♔xg2 g6 28.♕g4 f5 29.♕f3 ♕xf4 30.♔xf4 ♜xe1+-

25.♖eg1

25.♖gg1 ♖h2+ 26.♔e3 ♕g2+!+-

25...♖xg1 26.♖xg1 ♖e8! 27.♜b3

27.♕e3 ♕h1 28.♜d2 (28.♖xh1 ♜xh1 29.♜c1 ♜h2+ 30.♔f3 ♜h3+ 31.♔f2 g5+-) 28...♜f3+ 29.♔e1 ♖xe3+-

27...f5

27...♕xe2?? 28.♕h7+! (28.♕xe2 ♜h2+ 29.♖g2 ♖xe2+ 30.♔xe2 ♜xg2+-) 28...♔xh7 29.♜xh3+-

28.♔g3

28. ♖xb7 ♕d5! (28... ♕xe2? 29. ♖xc6+-) 29. cxd5 (29. ♖xc7 ♖xd3+-) 29... ♖xd3+-

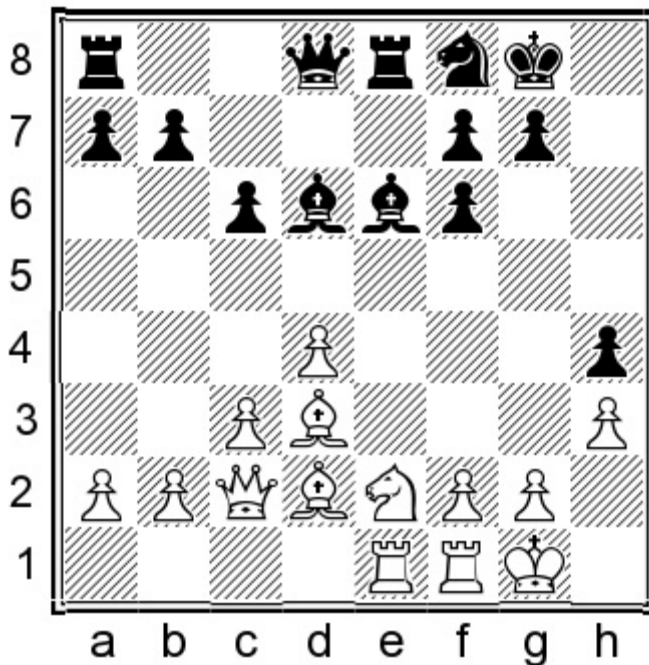
28... ♖h2+! 29. ♖xf3 ♖xg1 30. ♖e2 ♖f1# 0-1

34. B15

Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2669)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/34, 2021

1. e4 c6!? 2. d4 d5 3. ♖d2 dxe4 4. ♖xe4 ♖f6 5. ♖xf6+ exf6 6. c3 ♕d6 7. ♕d3 O-O 8. ♖c2 ♖e8+ 9. ♖e2 h5!? 10. O-O h4 11. h3 ♖d7 12. ♕d2 ♖f8 13. ♖ae1 ♕e6



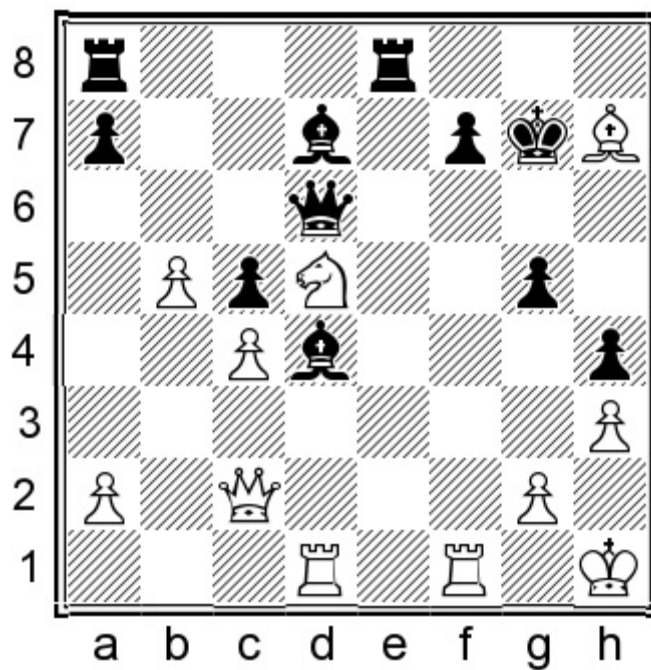
14. f4! [Δ f5, c4, Nc3↑] 14... ♖c7N

14... b5

15. f5! ♕d7 16. c4! b6 17. b4 c5 18. dxc5 bxc5 19. b5 ♖h7 20. ♖c3 ♖g5 21. ♖d5 ♕h2+ 22. ♖h1 ♖d6 23. ♖d1! [×Qd6] 23... ♕e5 24. ♕xg5! fxg5 25. f6! ♕d4

25... gxf6 26. ♕h7+ ♖f8 27. ♖xf6

26. ♕h7+ ♖h8 27. fxg7+ ♖xg7



28. Nf6

28. Qf5!+-

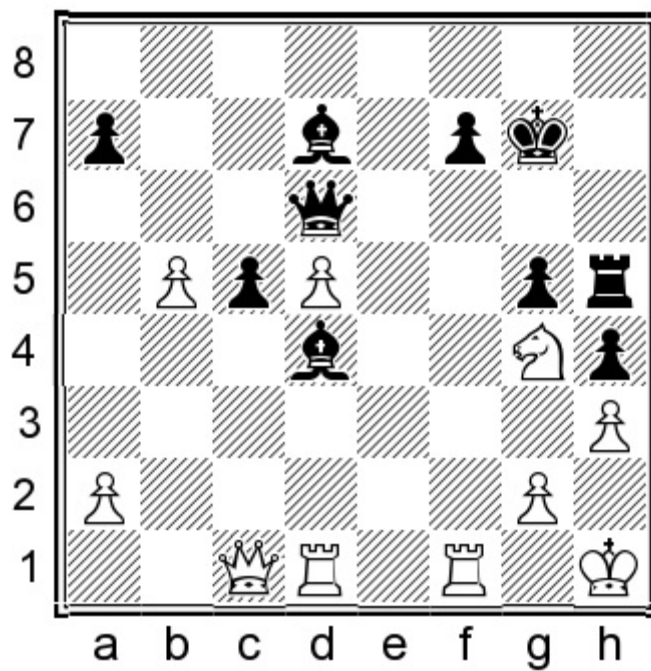
28... Re5 29. Qe4 Rf8 30. Qd5 Qe6

30... Qf5!±

31. Ng4 Rxd5! 32. cxd5 Qd7

32... Qxg4 33. hxg4 h3 34. g3±

33. Qc1! Rf5



34.♟xd4! [×f6, g5] 34...cxd4 35.♞f6! ♜h6 36.♞xg5+ ♜g6 37.♞h5+ ♞f8 38.♞xh4 ♞xb5 39.♜b1 ♞c4
40.♜c1 ♞a6 41.♞xd4 ♞b7 42.♞h8+ ♜g8 43.♞b2 ♜xg2 44.♞xg2 ♞xd5+ 45.♞f1 1-0

35. !N B19

Bauer, Robert - Ackermann, Emil
corr 149/35, 2020

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♞c3 dxe4 4.♞xe4 ♞f5 5.♞g3 ♞g6 6.h4 h6 7.♞f3 ♞d7 8.h5 ♞h7 9.♞d3 ♞xd3
10.♞xd3 e6 11.♞d2 ♞e7 12.O-O-O ♞gf6 13.♞e4 O-O 14.♞xf6+ ♞xf6 15.♞b1 c5

15...♞d5 16.♞e5 (16.c4 ♞e4 17.♞e3±) 16...c5 (16...♜ad8 - 105/38) 17.♜he1 cxd4 18.g4 ♞d6 19.f4
♜ac8 20.g5 ♞xh5 21.gxh6 g6 22.b3 ♞h7 23.♞c1 ♞xe5 24.♜xe5 ♜c3 25.♞d2 ♞d8 26.♜e4 ♞f6=

16.g4 ♞xg4 17.♞e2 ♞b6

17...♞d5 18.♜hg1±; 17...cxd4 18.♜hg1 d3 19.cxd3 f5 20.♞xe6+±; 17...♞h8 - 114/45

18.♞h4

18.♜hg1!? f5 19.♞e5±

18...♞xh4?!

18...♞f6 19.♜dg1 ♞h8=

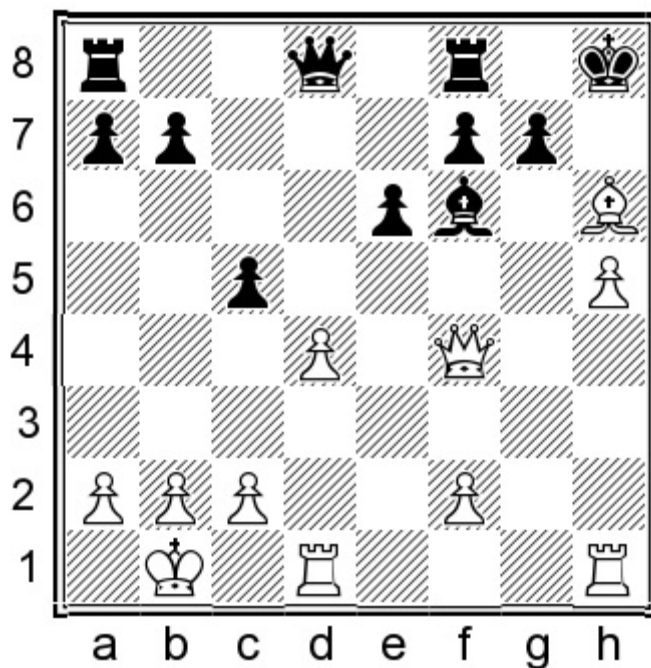
19.♞xg4± ♞f6

19...♞xf2? 20.♞xh6 g6 21.hxg6+-

20.♞xh6! ♞h8

20...cxd4 21.♞xg7!

21.♞f4 ♞d8



21...♙xd4? 22.♖xd4! ♜g8 23.♙xg7+! ♜xg7 24.♚f6!+-

22.♜hg1!N

22.dxc5 ♚e7 23.♜hg1 ♜ad8 24.♞d6 b6 25.♜xd8 ♜xd8 26.cxb6 axb6 27.c3 e5 28.♚c1±

22...♚e7

22...cxd4 23.♙xg7+ ♙xg7 24.h6±

23.♙g5 ♙xg5 24.♜xg5

24.♚xg5?! ♚xg5 25.♜xg5 cxd4=

24...♜fd8 25.♚e5 f6 26.♚xc5 ♚f7

26...♚xc5?! 27.♜xc5+-

27.♜g4 ♞d5

27...e5 28.♚c3 exd4±

28.♚c3

28.♚c4 ♜xh5 29.a3

28...♜xh5

○28...♜ad8

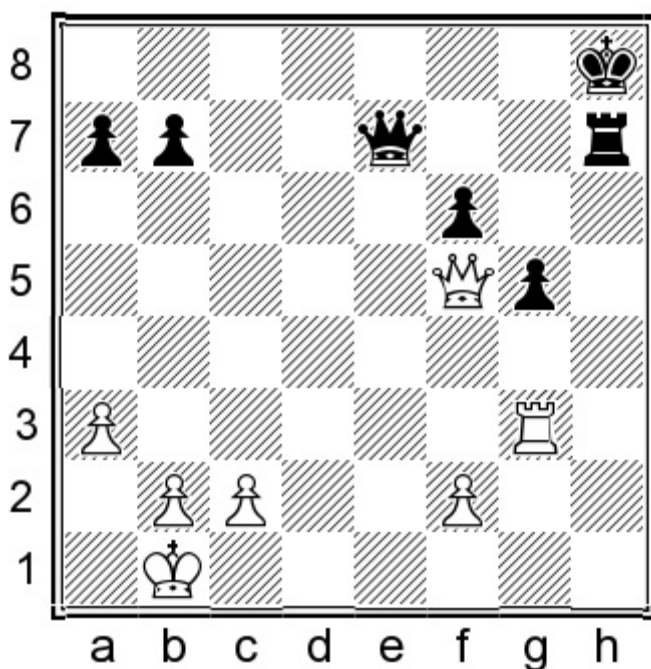
29.♞dg1 ♜e8 30.a3 ♜e7

○30...♜h7 31.♚d3 b6

31.♚f3

31.♖xg7 ♜xg7 32.♖xg7 ♔xg7±

31...♖h7 32.♗e4 ♕g8 33.d5 exd5 34.♖xe7 ♜xe7 35.♚xd5+ ♕h8 36.♖g3 g5 37.♚f5



37...♖f7?

37...♖h1+ 38.♔a2 ♜f7+ 39.b3 ♜c7 40.♚xf6+ ♜g7 41.♚xg7+ ♔xg7 42.♖xg5+ ♕f6

38.♖h3+- ♕g8 39.♖h6 ♜d7 40.♚g6+ ♕f8 41.♚e4 ♕g7 42.♖g6+ ♕f8 43.f4 gxf4 44.♖h6 ♕g8 45.b3 ♕g7 46.♚g6+ ♕f8 47.♖h8+ ♕e7 48.♚e4+ ♕d6 49.♖h5 ♜e6 50.♚d4+ ♕e7 51.♚b4+ ♕d8 52.♚xf4 ♜c6 53.♖h8+ ♕d7 54.♚d4+ ♕e6 55.♚xa7 ♖g7 56.♚e3+ ♕f7 57.a4 ♖g8 58.♖h5 ♖g7 59.♕b2 ♖g4 60.a5 ♕g6 61.♚h3 ♜g2 62.♖h6+ ♕f5 63.♚d3+ ♜e4 64.♚d7+ 1-0

36. B24

Perunovic, Miodrag (2428) - Arsovic, Zoran (2374)

Srbija 149/36, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 e6 3.♘ge2!? ♘c6 4.g3 ♘f6 5.♙g2 ♙e7

5...d5 6.exd5 exd5 7.d4!±

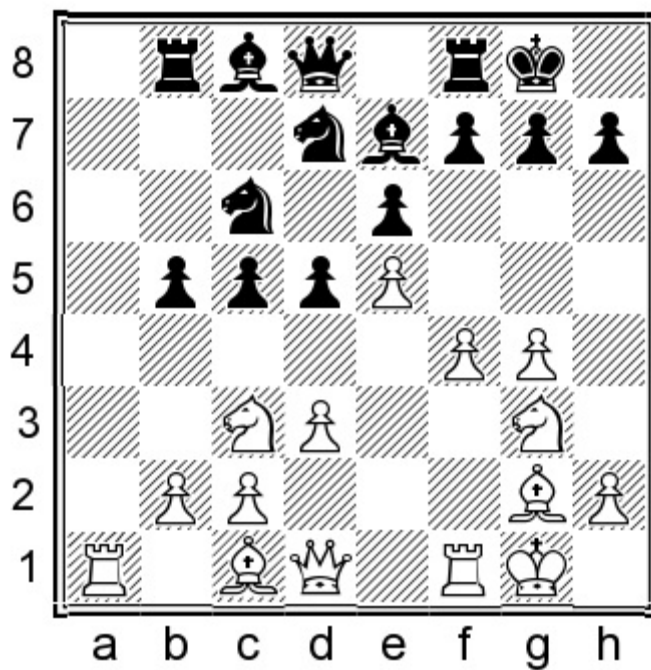
6.O-O O-O 7.f4!?

7.h3 - 30/304; 7.d4 [%eval 0,0] - 80

7...d5

7...d6 8.d3 ♖b8 9.h3±

8.e5 ♘d7 9.d3 ♖b8 10.a4 a6 11.g4 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.♘g3



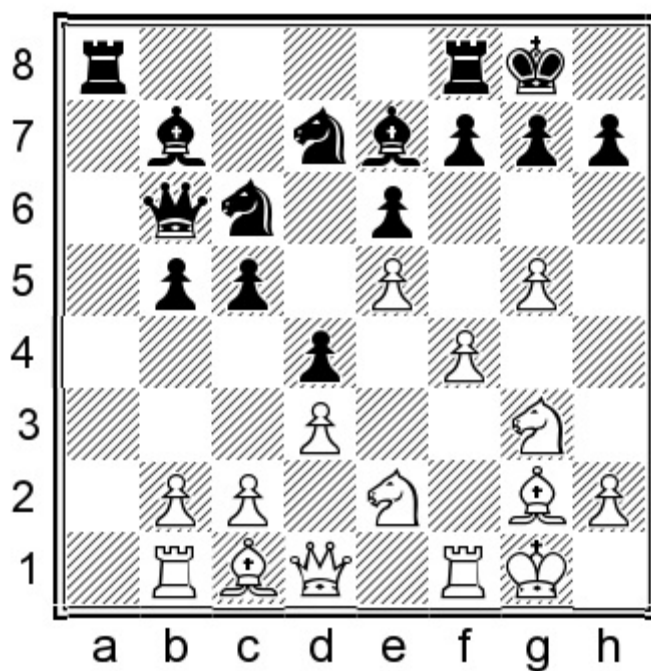
13...♙b6N

13...b4 14.♗ce2 f6 15.exf6 ♖xf6 16.g5! ♗e8 17.h4! ♗d6 18.f5!↑

14.♗ce2! ♕b7

14...c4+?! 15.d4 b4 16.♕e3±

15.g5 ♖a8 16.♖b1 d4?!



16...g6!?!↗

17.♗e4!→ ♗b4 18.♗2g3 ♖ae8?

18...♖fe8 19.♘h5→

19.♘h5!?

19.♙d2!?→

19...♔h8?!

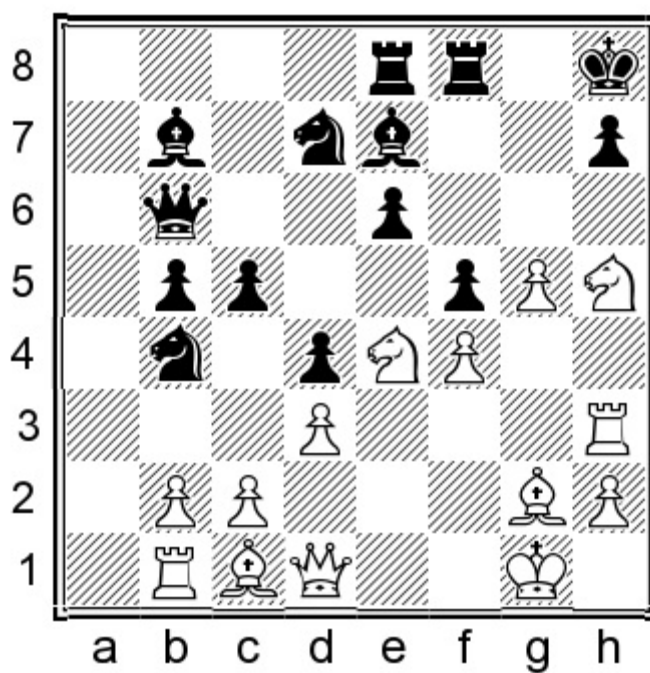
19...c4! 20.♙d2!↑

20.♖f3! f5?

20...♙xe4□ 21.dxe4 c4 22.♔h1→

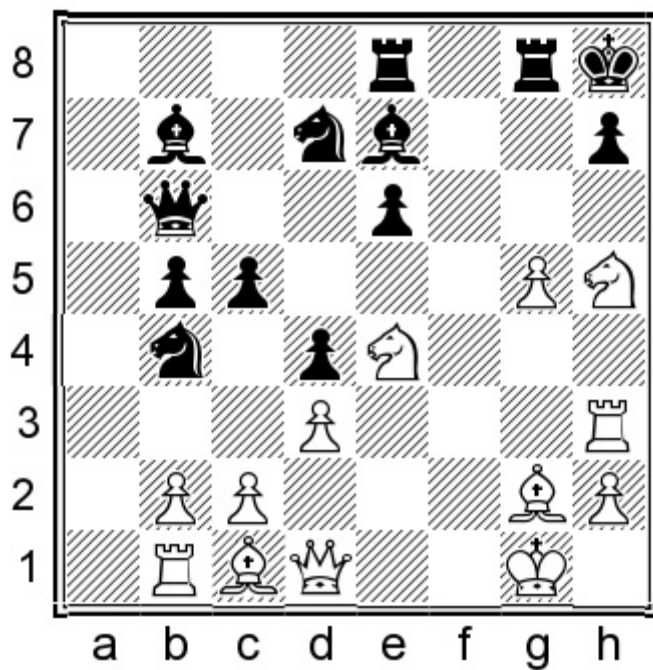
21.exf6!+- gxf6 22.♖h3! fxf5

22...f5



23.♘g7!! ♔xg7 24.♖xh7+! ♔xh7 25.♙h5+ ♔g7 26.♙h6+ ♔g8 (26...♔f7 27.♙h7#) 27.g6+-

23.fxf5 ♖g8



24. ♖hf6! ♙xf6

24... ♘xf6 25. ♘xf6 ♙xf6 (25... ♖g7 26. ♙h5+-) 26. ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 27. ♙h5+ ♔g7 28. ♙h6+ ♔f7 29. ♙xf6#

25. ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 26. ♙h5+ ♔g7 27. gxf6+ 1-0

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37. B30

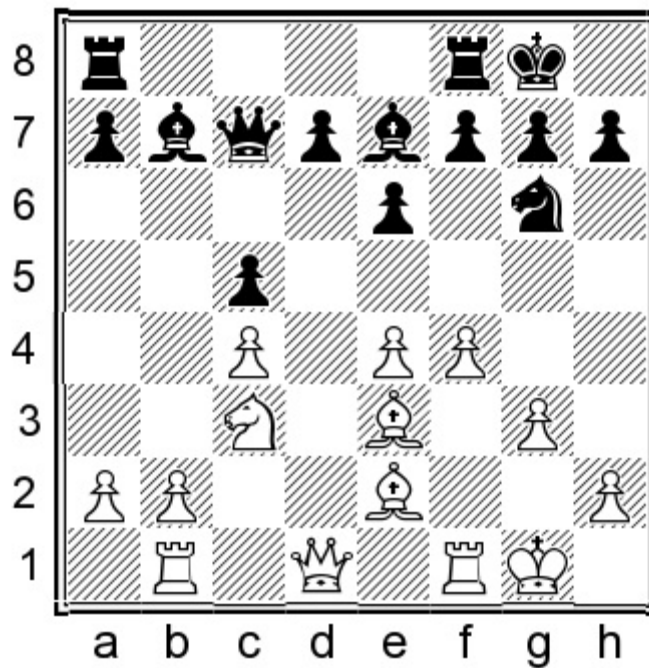
Caruana, Fabiano (2806) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2655)

Saint Louis 149/37, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 e6 4.O-O ♗ge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.♘xd4 ♚b6 7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.♙e2

8.♙d3 - 148/35

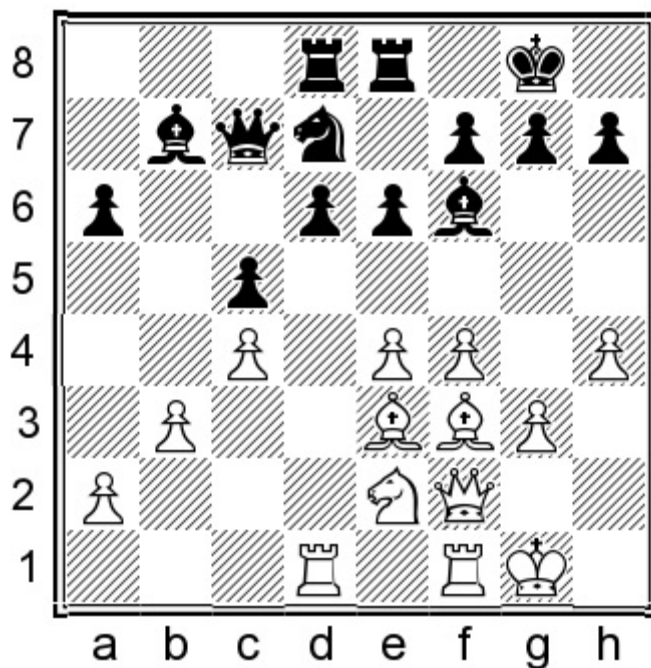
8...♘g6 9.c4 ♙e7 10.♘c3 O-O 11.♖b1 c5 12.♙e3 ♚c7 13.f4 ♙b7 14.g3



14...♗fe8N

14...a6

15.h4 ♘f8 16.♙f3 d6 17.♚d2 a6 18.b3 ♖ad8 19.♚f2 ♘d7 20.♖bd1 ♙f6 21.♘e2



21...Nb6?!

21...Nb2!! 22.g4 (22.Nc1 Qa3 23.Nd3 f5∞; 22.Rd2 Qa3 23.g4 (23.Rfd1?! Nf6⌘) 23...d5 24.exd5 exd5 25.cxd5 Nf6 26.g5 Nxd5 27.Rfd1 Nxe3 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rxd8+ Qxd8 30.Qxe3 Qxf3 31.Qxf3 c4! 32.bxc4 Qf8 33.Qd5 Qb6+=) 22...d5 23.Ng3 Qc3 24.cxd5 exd5 25.exd5 Nf6 26.Qxc5 Nxd5⌘; 21...h5!? 22.Qg2 Qb2 23.Qxh5 f5 24.Qf3 Nf6 25.exf5 exf5 26.Qxb7 Rxe3 27.Qh1 Rde8 28.Qf3 Qb6 29.Ng1 Qd4 30.Nh3 g6 31.Ng5 a5⌘

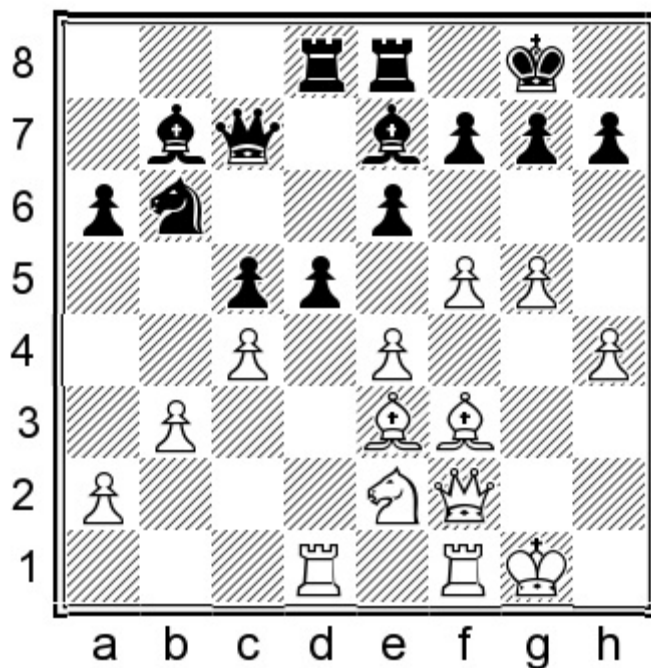
22.g4?! d5 23.g5

23.cxd5 exd5 24.e5 d4 25.Qd2 Qe7 26.Qa5 Qxf3 27.Qxf3 c4∞

23...Qe7

23...dxe4 24.Qg2 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Ng3 f5 28.gxf6 Qxf6 29.Nxe4 Nd7 30.h5±

24.f5



24...exf5??⊕

24...♙d6 25.fxe6 fxe6 26.g6 ♘d7 27.♙g5 ♘f6 28.gxh7+ ♔xh7±

25.♙f4 ♙d6 26.♙xd6 ♚xd6 27.exd5 ♘d7 28.♙g2 ♙c8 29.♘f4 ♘e5 30.b4 cxb4 31.c5 ♚b8 32.♖fe1 b3 33.axb3 ♚b4 34.♖e2 ♘g4 35.♚d4 ♚xb3 36.♘h5 f6 37.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 38.gxf6 gxf6 39.d6 ♙e6 40.d7 ♖d8 41.c6 ♚c2 42.♖e1 ♔f7 43.♘f4 ♙b3 44.c7 ♚xc7 45.♙d5+ ♙xd5 46.♚xd5+ ♔g7 47.♘e6+ 1-0

38. * B30

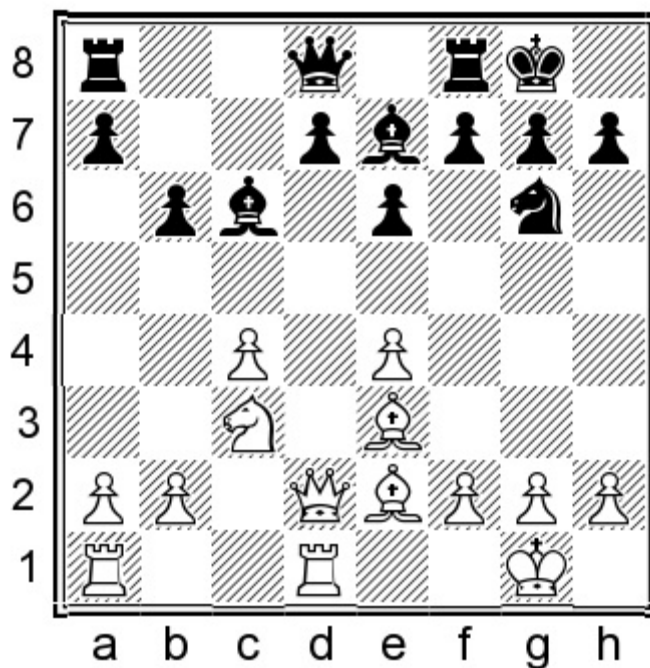
Darini, Pouria (2432) - Maghsoodloo, Parham (2676)

Iran (ch) 149/38, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 e6 4.O-O ♘ge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.♘xd4 ♘g6 7.♙e2 ♙e7 8.♙e3 O-O 9.c4 ♘xd4 10.♚xd4

10.♙xd4 - 134/(44)

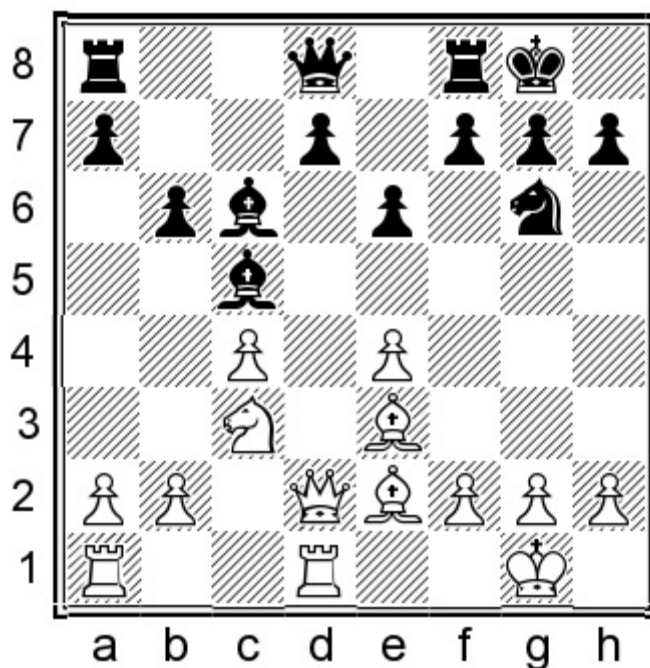
10...b6 11.♘c3 ♙b7 12.♖fd1 ♙c6 13.♚d2



13.♖ac1 f5! 14.exf5 ♘h4!? 15.fxex6 ♘xg2 16.♘d5 ♘xe3 17.♘xe7+ ♚xe7 18.♚xe3 dxe6 19.c5 bxc5 20.♖xc5 ♙b7∞

13...f5N

13...♚b8; 13...♙c5!?



14.♙xc5N (14.♙f1?! f5 15.♙xc5 bxc5 16.exf5 ♖xf5 17.♙d3 ♖h5 18.♙xg6 (18.f4 ♚f6) 18...hxg6 19.♘e2 ♚h4 20.♚f4 ♚f6! 21.♚xf6 (21.♚d2 ♖f8 22.♘g3 ♖h6↑) 21...gxf6↑) 14...bxc5 15.g3 f5 16.♚e3∞ 1/2 (16) Jovanovic,Z (2523)-Maksimovic, B (2425) Grohote 149/(38) 2021

14.exf5 ♘h4!?

14...♖xf5 15.♘b5 ♘g5 16.♘d4 ♘xe3 17.♙xe3 ♞e5 18.♙d2 ♙f6 19.♘xc6 dxc6∞

15.f3

15.fxe6 ♘xg2 16.exd7 ♘xe3 17.♙xe3 ♚h8 18.♘e4 ♙c7 19.♘f1 ♘xd7=

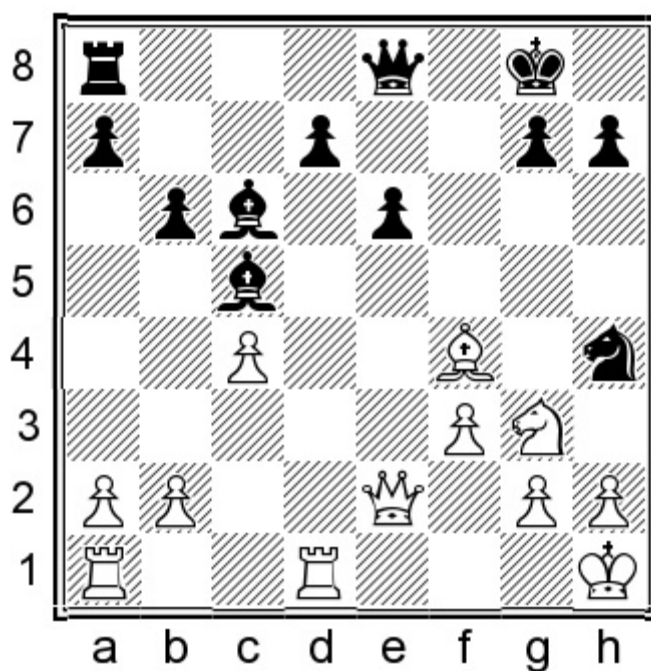
15...♖xf5

15...♘xf5!? 16.♘f2 ♘g5 17.♙d3 ♘f4∞

16.♘e4 ♙e8 17.♘g3 ♞e5?!

17...♖f8∞

18.♘f4 ♘c5+ 19.♚h1 ♖xe2□ 20.♙xe2



20...♘xf3! 21.♘e4

21.gxf3? ♙f7+

21...♘h4 22.♙g4?!

22.♘g3 ♘e7 23.♘h4 ♘xh4 24.♘f2! e5 25.♘d3 e4 26.♘b4 e3 27.♖d4 ♘f2 28.♘xc6 dxc6±

22...♘e7 23.♘g3?

23.♘d6 h5 24.♙e2 ♘xd6 25.♖xd6 ♙g6 26.♞e1 ♖f8 27.♖xc6! dxc6 28.♘g3∞

23...h5! 24.♙e2 ♘f5 25.♘e5 ♙g6 26.♘g3 ♘h4 27.♚g1

27.♙xh5 ♙xh5 28.♘h5 ♘xg2+ 29.♚g1 ♘c5+ 30.♘d4 ♘xd4+ 31.♖xd4 ♘f3+ 32.♚xg2 ♘xd4-+

27...♖f8 28.♘d6 ♘xd6 29.♖xd6 ♘xg2 30.♙d3

30.♚d3 ♘f4! 31.♚xg6 ♘h3#

0-1

39. B40

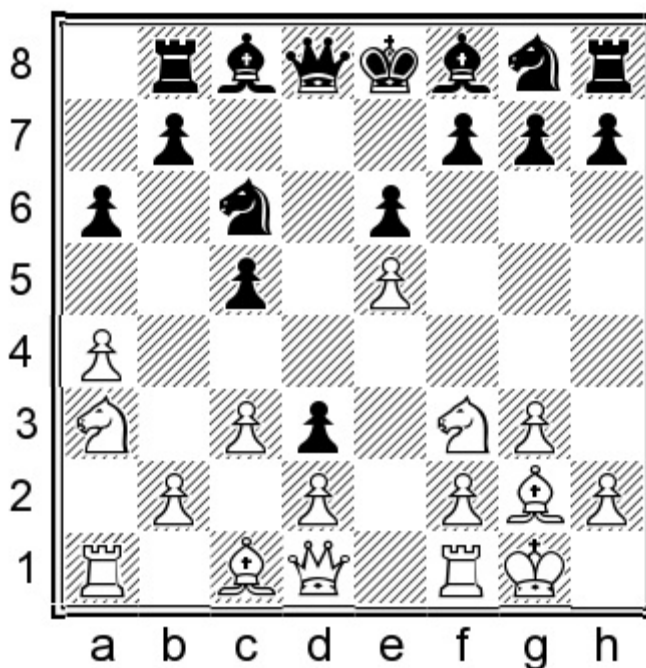
Dionisi, Thomas (2415) - Narayanan, SL. (2624)

Riga 149/39, 2021

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7...♘h6 - 103/(98)

8.a4 a6 9.♘a3



9...♘h6N

9...b5 10.axb5 axb5 11.♘d4!? ♘xd4 12.cxd4 ♚d7 13.♚b3 ♘h6 14.♚xd3 cxd4 15.♘c2 ♘f5 16.b3 ♙c5 17.♙a3 ♙xa3 (17...b4? 18.♚c4±) 18.♖xa3±

10.♖e1 ♙e7 11.b3 O-O 12.♙b2 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.c4 bxc4 15.♘xc4 ♘b4 16.♘a3?

16.♖a7 ♙b7 17.♙c3 ♘c6 18.♖a4 ♘f5∞

16...♙b7 17.♙c3 ♙d5 18.♙xb4

18.♖b1 ♚d7±

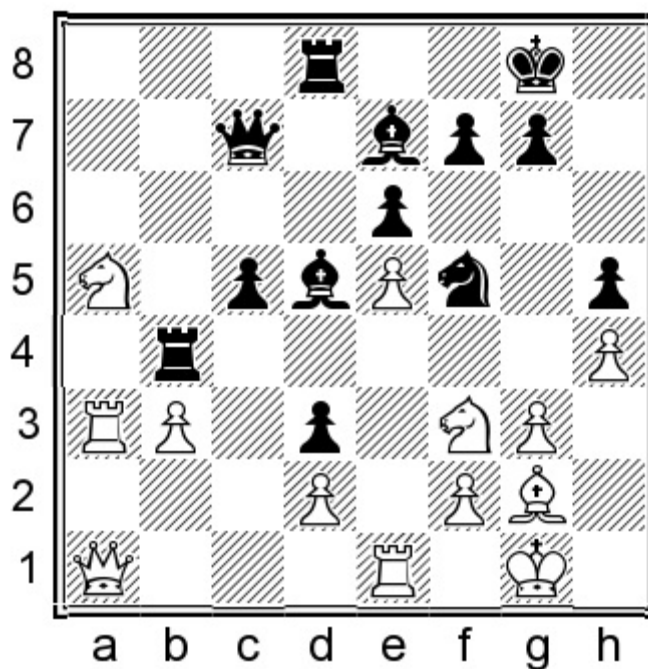
18...♖xb4

18...cxb4 19.♘c4 ♙xc4 20.bxc4 ♙c5±

19.♘c4 ♚b8

19...♙xc4 20.bxc4 ♖xc4 21.♖a7 ♖b4

20.♖a3 ♖d8 21.h3 ♜f5 22.♜a5 h5 23.h4 ♖c7 24.♙a1



24...♙xh4!-+ 25.♜c4

25.♜xh4 ♜xh4 26.♙xd5 (26.gxh4 ♖g4-+) 26...exd5 27.♙d1 (27.gxh4 ♖g4+ 28.♙f1 ♙e7 29.♖e3 ♙xh4 30.♖xd3 ♙h1+ 31.♙e2 ♖g1-+) 27...♖g4-+; 25.gxh4 ♖g4 26.♖a4 (26.♙f1 ♖xg2! 27.♙xg2 ♜xh4+ 28.♙f1 ♜xf3 29.♖e3 ♙e7-+) 26...♜d4-+

25...♙e7 26.♙c3 ♙b7 27.♜a5 ♙b5 28.♖e1 h4 0-1

40. * B44

Rapport, Richard (2763) - Caruana, Fabiano (2806)

Saint Louis 149/40, 2021

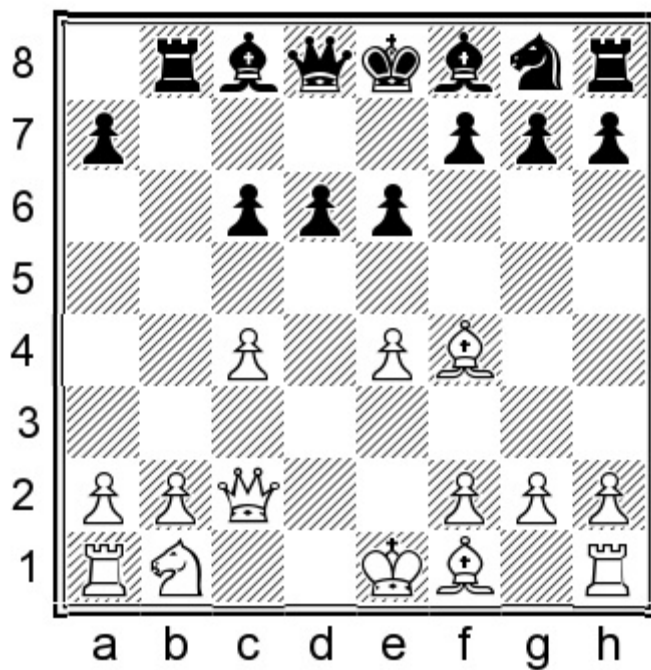
1.e4 c5 2.♜f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♜xd4 ♜c6 5.♙f4!?

5.♜c3 ♜f6 (5...a6)5.g3 - 62/(181)

5...d6

5...♙f6 6.♙e3 ♙c5 7.c3 ♙e7 (7...♜ge7 8.♜b5 ♙xe3 9.♜d6+ ♙f8 10.fxe3±) 8.♜d2±; 5...♜f6 6.♜b5 e5 7.♙g5 ♙c5! 8.♜1c3 d6

6.♜xc6 bxc6 7.c4 ♖b8 8.♙c2



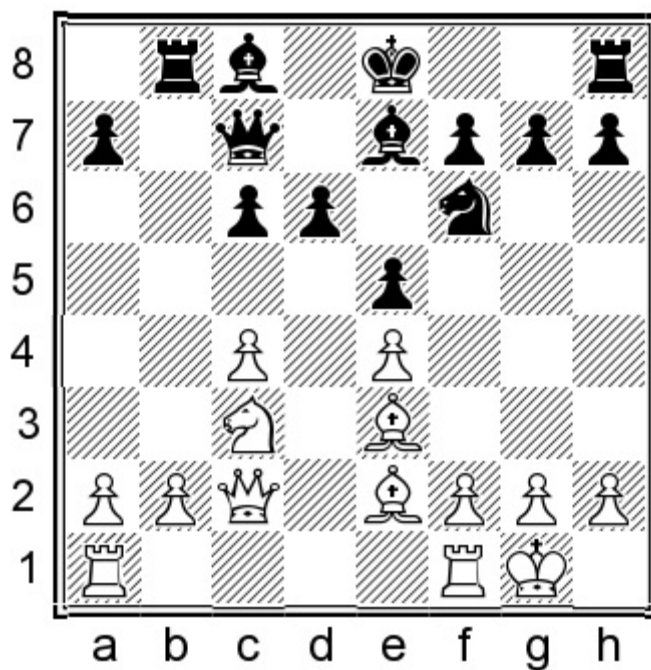
8...e5N

8...♖f6!? 9.♙c1 ♘h6 10.♘c3 ♙e7 11.♙e2 O-O 12.O-O ♖g6 13.b3 (13.♖a4 c5! 14.♖xa7 ♙b7; 13.c5 f5) 13...c5∞

9.♙e3 ♘f6

9...f5!? 10.exf5 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.♘c3!? d4 13.O-O-O ♖c7 14.♙xd4 exd4 15.♙xd4↑

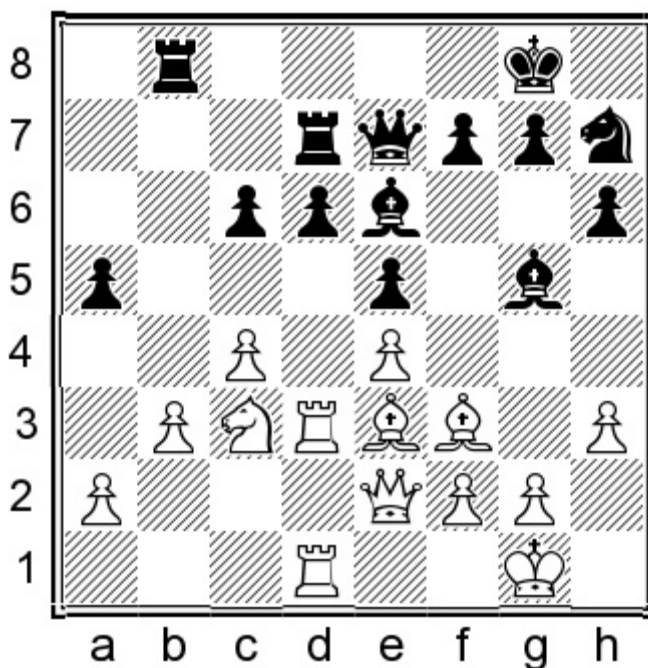
10.♘c3 ♖c7 11.♙e2 ♙e7 12.O-O



12...O-ON

12...♔e6 - 149/(40) 13.♖fc1 O-O 14.♖ab1 a5 15.a3 ♘g4 16.♙xg4 ♙xg4 17.c5 ♙e6 18.cxd6 ♙xd6 19.♚e2 ♙b3 20.♘d5 ♚b7 21.♘b6 ♖fd8 22.♖c3 a4 23.♖bc1 ♙c7 24.♖xc6 ♙xb6 25.♖xb6 ♚xe4 26.♖xb8 ♖xb8 27.f3 ♚b7= Warmerdam,M (2535)-Pichot,A (2630) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(40) 2021

13.♖ac1 ♙e6 14.b3 h6 15.h3 a5 16.♖fd1 ♖fd8 17.♙f3 ♘h7 18.♚e2 ♙g5 19.♖d3 ♚e7 20.♖cd1 ♖d7



21.♙d2

21.♘a4! ♙xe3 22.♚xe3 ♘g5 23.♙e2 f5 24.c5! d5 (24...♘xe4 25.cxd6±) 25.exd5 ♖xd5 26.♖xd5 ♙xd5 27.♘b6 ♙f7 28.♙c4±

21...♙xd2 22.♚xd2 ♘g5 23.♙e2 ♖bd8 24.♚e3 f5 25.c5

25.exf5 ♙xf5 26.♖3d2 ♘e6 27.c5!? d5 (27...♘xc5 28.♚f3 ♚g5 29.h4 ♚f4 30.♚xc6±) 28.♚xe5 ♚f7∞; 25.h4 ♘f7 26.exf5 ♙xf5 27.♖3d2 e4∞

25...d5! 26.exd5 ♙xd5 27.f4

27.h4 ♘f7∞

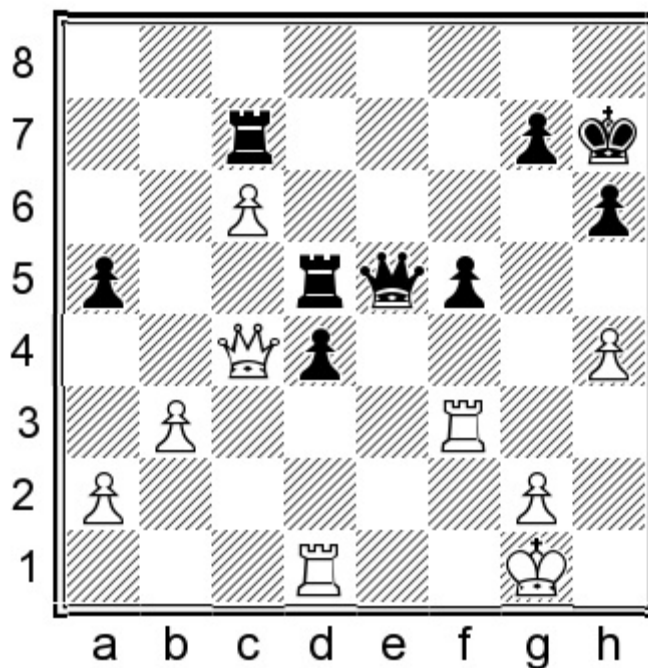
27...♘e4 28.♘xd5 cxd5 29.c6

29.fxe5 ♚xe5 30.♖d4 ♚c7 31.♙f3 ♖h8∞

29...d4 30.♚c1 ♖c7 31.fxe5 ♚xe5 32.♚c4+ ♖h7 33.♙f3 ♘g5

33...♖d6 34.♙xe4 (34.♖xd4? ♖cxc6 35.♖xd6 ♖xc4 36.♖6d5 ♚f4 37.bxc4 ♘c3±) 34...fxe4 35.♖xd4 ♖cxc6 36.♚a4 (36.♖xd6? ♖xc4 37.bxc4 e3 38.♖6d3 e2 39.♖e1 ♚c5+-) 36...♖g6 37.♖4d2□ e3 38.♖e2 ♖gd6 39.♖de1 ♖c3±

34.h4! ♘xf3+ 35.♖xf3 ♖d5



35...♙e4 36.♚d3 ♜d5 (36...♞xc6 37.♞xf5=) 37.♞xe4 fxe4 38.♞f4=

36.h5! ♙e4 37.♞df1 d3 38.♞f4 ♙e6

38...♙e3+ 39.♞4f2□ (39.♔h1? ♜d8 40.♞xf5 (40.♞4f3 ♙e4 41.♞f4 ♙e8-+) 40...♞d4 41.♞5f3 ♙e5-+) 39...♞d6 (39...♞c5 40.♞f4 ♙xf4 (40...♙e7 41.♞d4 ♞7xc6 42.♙xd3=) 41.♞xf4 ♞7xc6 42.♞d4=) 40.♙b5 ♞f6 41.♞d1 ♞cxc6 42.♙xd3∞

39.♞xf5 ♙e3+ 40.♔h2 ♞d4 41.♞e1! ♞xc4 42.♞xe3 ♞d4 43.♞f1 d2 44.♞d1 ♞xc6 45.♞e2 ♞c2 46.a3 ♞d5 47.♔g3 ♞c3+ 48.♔h4 ♞d4+ 49.g4 ♞dd3 50.♞h2 ♞c2

50...♞xb3 51.♞dxd2 ♞xa3 52.♞de2 a4 53.♞e4⌘

51.b4 a4 52.b5 ♞b2 53.♞h3 ♞d6 54.♞h2 ♞a2 55.♞g2 ♔g8 56.♞h2 ♔f7 57.♞e2 ♞b2 58.♞f1+ ♞f6 59.♞d1 ♞d6 60.♞f1+ ♞f6 61.♞d1 ♞d6 62.♞f1+ 1/2-1/2

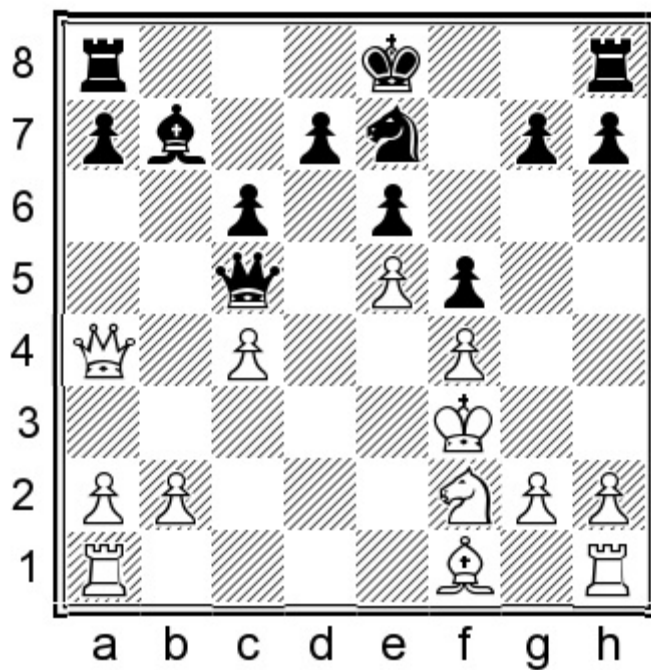
41. * B45

Esipenko, Andrey (2716) - Abasov, Nijat (2656)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/41, 2021

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16.♙d6 - 147/39

16...♙b7

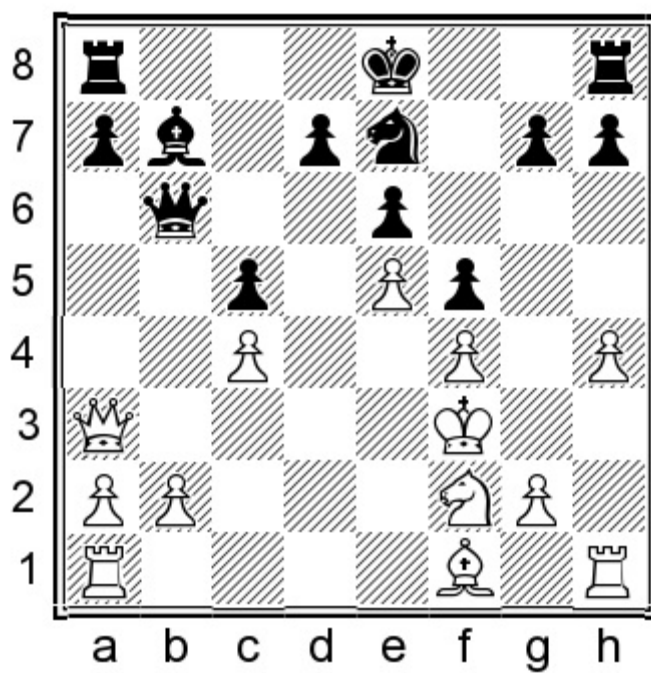


16... ♖b6 17. c5 ♙b5 18. cxb6 (18. ♖xb5 ♖xb5 19. ♙xb5 cxb5∞) 18... ♙xa4 19. b7 ♖b8 20. ♘d3 c5!
21. ♘xc5 ♙c6+ 22. ♕f2 ♙xb7 23. ♖c1±

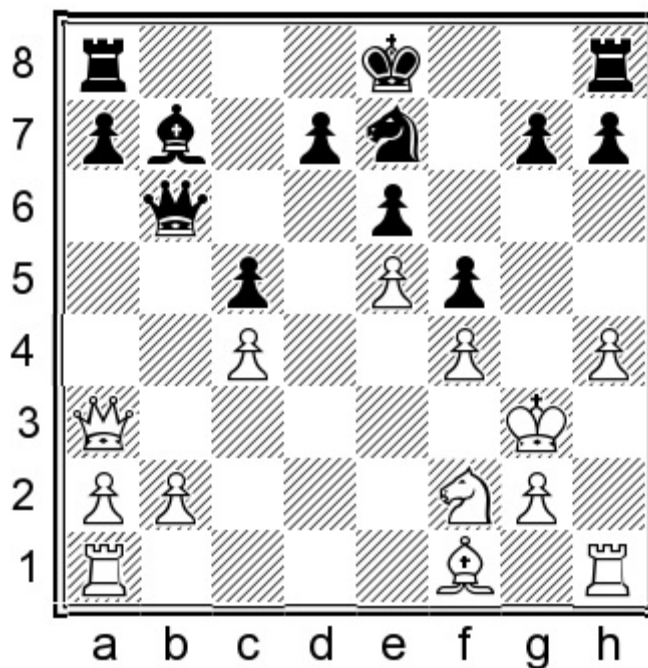
17.h4N

17. ♖d1?! g5! 18. ♘d3 ♖d4±

17... ♖b6 18. ♖a3 c5+



19. ♕g3



19...O-O? - 149/41

19...h6! 20.♖d1 (20.♘d3 ♜c8∞) 20...O-O-O!? (20...♞g8!?) 21.♘d3 (21.♞d6 ♞b4! 22.♞xb4 (22.♞xa7?! ♘c6 23.♞a3 ♞xa3+ 24.bxa3 g5⌘) 22...cxb4∞) 21...g5 22.♞xc5+ (22.♘xc5 gxf4+ 23.♔h2 ♙c6∞) 22...♞xc5 23.♘xc5 gxf4+ 24.♔f2 ♘c6∞; 19...♔f7N 20.♞d1 ♞hd8 21.♙e2 a5 22.♞d6 ♞b4 23.♞e3 ♞xb2 24.♘d1 ♞b1 25.♞xc5 ♙c6 26.♞d2 ♞b4 27.♞e3 a4 28.♞b2 ♞a5∞ Zamengo,F (2371)-Teuschler,B (2116) Innsbruck 149/(41) 2021

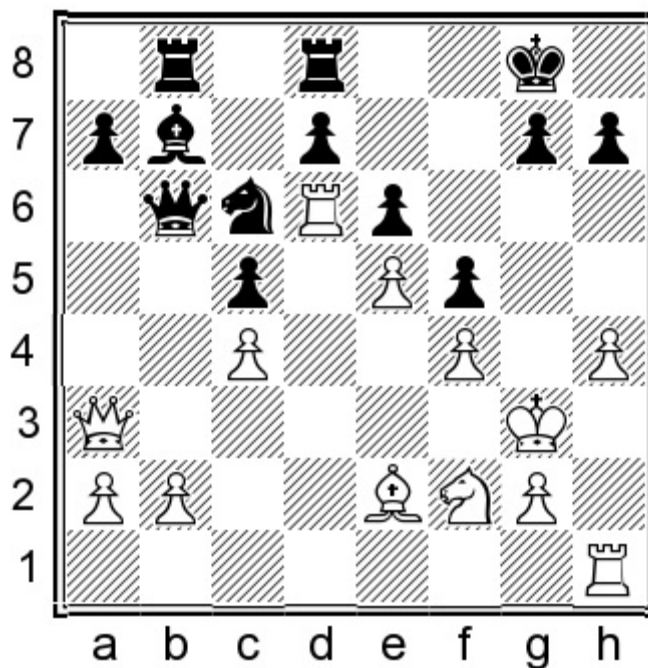
20.♞d1 ♞fd8

⌘20...♞ad8 21.♙e2 d5 22.exd6 ♘c8 23.d7 ♘d6 24.♞d2 ♞xd7 (24...♞f6 25.♔h2 ♞g6 26.♞g1 ♞xd7 27.♞e3±) 25.♞hd1 ♞dd8 26.♞b3 ♘f7 27.♞xd8 ♞xd8 28.♞xd8+ ♘xd8 29.♘d3±

21.♙e2 ♞ab8

21...d6 22.exd6 ♞xd6 23.♞xd6 ♞xd6 24.♞d1 ♞b6 25.♘d3±

22.♞d2 ♘c6 23.♞d6



23...Qb4?

23...Qa5 24.Qxa5 Nxa5 25.Rhd1 Qc6 26.b3 Nb7 27.R6d2 a5 28.Qf3±

24.Qxb4 Nxb4 25.a3 Nc2 26.Rc1+- Nd4 27.Qd1 Qe4 28.b4 Qf8 29.Rc3 Qe7

29...cxb4 30.axb4 Nc6 31.b5 Ne7 32.Ra3 Rb7 33.Rd4+-

30.bxc5 Nc6 31.Nxe4 fxe4 32.Qc2 e3 33.Rxe3 Na5 34.Ra6 Rb2 35.Qxh7 Nxc4 36.Rc3 Nd2 37.Qc2 1-0

42. * B45

Motylev, Alexander (2639) - Makarian, Rudik (2460)

Russia 149/42, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Qf4 Qb4 7.Nb5 Nxe4 8.Qf3 d5 9.Nc7+ Qf8 10.Nxa8 e5 11.Qd2 Nd4 12.Qd1 Qh4

12...Nxd2? - 109/ (93)

13.g3

13.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 14.Qe2 Nxc2+ 15.Qf1 Qxd2 16.Qxd2 Nxa1=

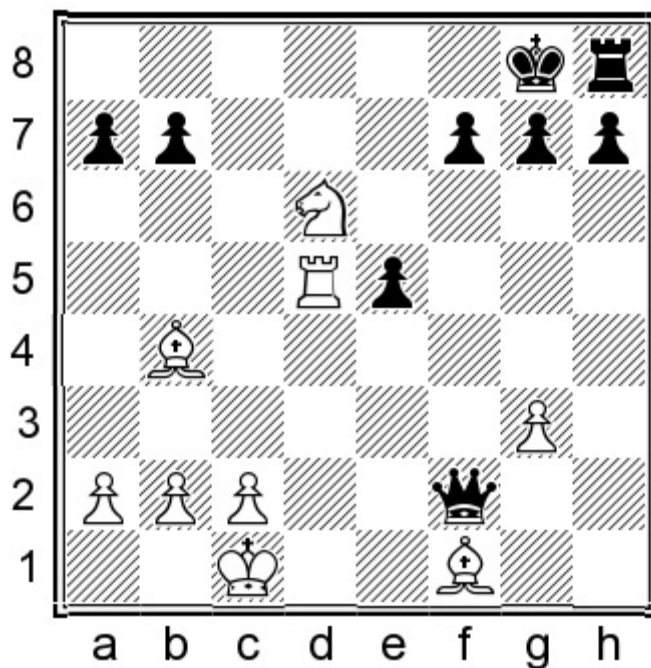
13...Qf6 14.Nxe4 Nf3+ 15.Qxf3

15.Qe2 Nd4+ 16.Qe1 Nf3+ 17.Qe2=

15...Qxf3 16.Qxb4+ Qg8

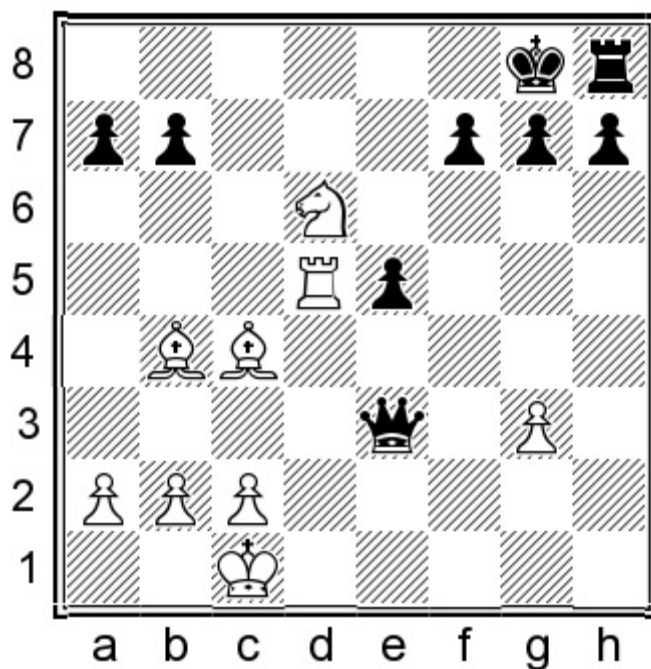
16...Qe8? 17.Nd6+ Qd8 18.Rg1+-

17.Nd6 Qxh1 18.O-O-O Qe6 19.Nc7 Qxh2 20.Nxd5 Qxd5 21.Rxd5 Qxf2



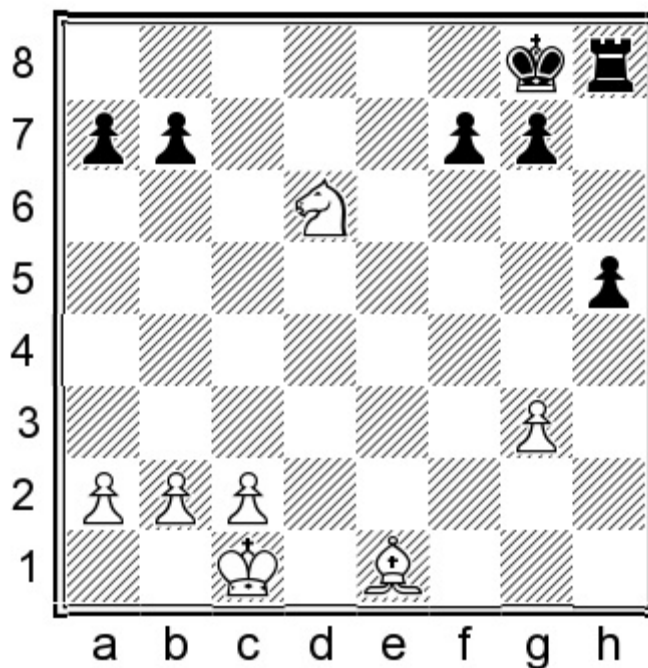
22. Rxe5 - 149/42

22. Qc4 N e3+



23. Rd2?? (23. Qd1 Qxg3 24. Qc3 Qg1+ 25. Qd2 Qg5+ 26. Qe2 Qg2+=) 23... Qe1+ 24. Rd1 Qxb4-+
 Firouzja,A (2759)-Rapport,R (2763) Paris (blitz) 149/(42) 2021; 22. Rd1!? Qxg3 23. Qc4 h5 24. Qd2∞

22... Qxf1+ 23. Re1 Qxe1+ 24. Qxe1 h5



25. Nxb7

25. Qc3 b6 26. Qd2 f6 27. Qe3 Qf8

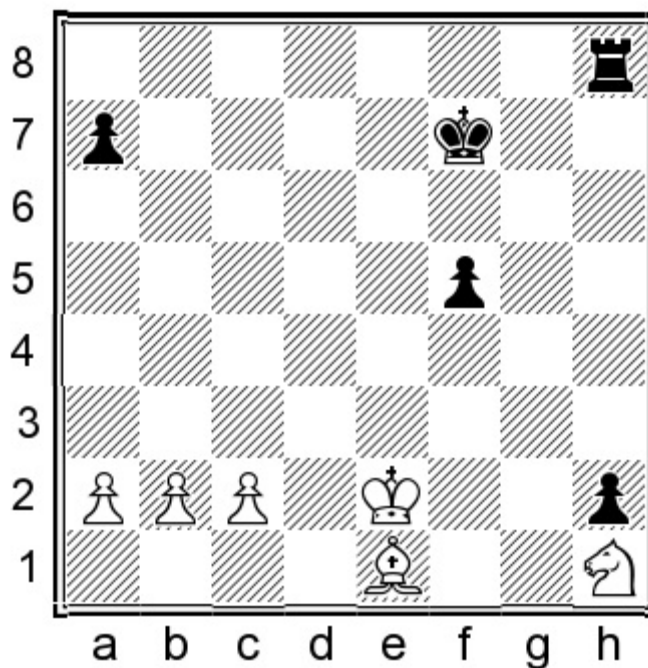
25...g5! 26. Nc5?

26. c4 h4 27. gxh4 gxh4 28. c5 h3 29. Qg3 h2 30. Qxh2 Rxh2 31. c6 Rh6 32. Nd8 Rh5 33. Nb7 Rh6=;
 26. Qf2 a6 27. Qg1 h4 28. gxh4 gxh4 29. Qh2 Rh6 30. Nc5 Rg6 31. b4 h3 32. a4 Rg2 33. Qc7 f5 34. b5
 axb5 35. axb5 f4 36. Qxf4 Rg4 37. Qc7 Rb4=

26...h4 27. gxh4 gxh4 28. Nd3 h3 29. Nf2 f5 30. Qd1

30. Nh1! f4 31. Qd1 Qf7 32. Qd2 (32. Qe2? Re8+ 33. Qf1 h2 34. Qf2 f3 35. Qxa7 Re2-+) 32...f3 33. Qf4
 Qg6 34. Qe1 Qf5 35. Qh2 Re8+ 36. Qf1

30...Qf7 31. Qe2 h2 32. Nh1



32...Bg8?

32...Re8+! 33.Qf1 (33.Qf2 Bg8-+; 33.Qd2 f4 34.Qf2 Bg8-+) 33...f4 34.Qh4 Bb8 35.b3 Bc8 36.c4 Bg8 37.Qf2 a5 38.a3 Qe6 39.b4 a4 40.b5 Bg5 41.Qd4 (41.b6 Qd7 42.c5 Qc6 43.Qd4 Bd5 44.Qf2 f3-+) 41...Qd6-+

33.Qg3= f4 34.Qxf4 Bg1 35.Qxh2 Bxh1

35...Bg2+ 36.Qe3 Bxh2 37.Qf2=

36.Qb8= Bb1 37.b3 Bb2 38.a4 Bxc2+ 39.Qd3 Bb2 40.Qc3 Bxb3+ 41.Qxb3 Qe6 42.Qxa7 Qd7 43.a5 Qc6 44.a6 Qb5 45.Qd4 Qxa6 1/2-1/2

43. ** B45

Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2792) - Rapport, Richard (2763)

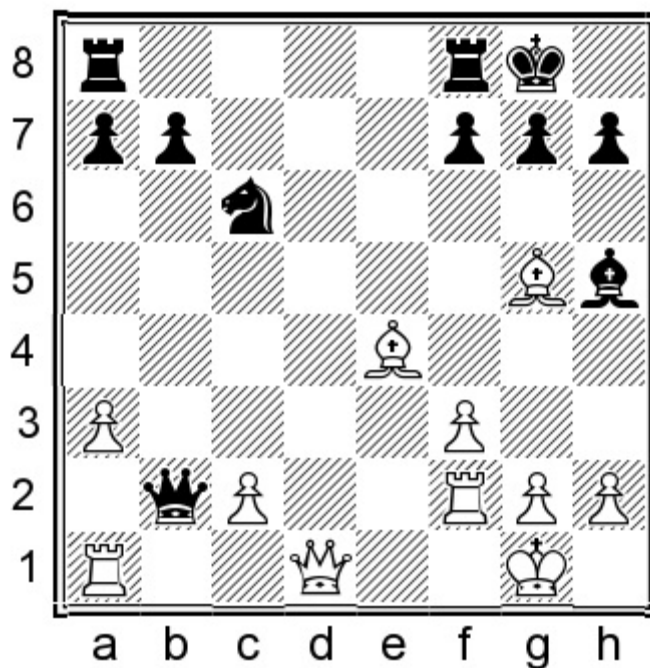
Paris (blitz) 149/43, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Qf6 5.Qc3 Qc6 6.Qdb5 Qb4 7.a3 Qxc3+ 8.Qxc3 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Qd3 O-O 11.O-O Qg4 12.f3 Qh5 13.Qg5

13.Qh1 d4 14.Qe2 Bb6 15.Qf4 Qg6 16.Qxg6 hxg6

13...Bb6+ 14.Qh1

14.Bf2 Qe4 15.Qxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Bxb2



17.♙c1N (17.♖b1 ♚xa3 18.♖xb7 ♜ac8∞) 17...♚xc1+ 18.♖xc1 f6 19.♙e3 ♙g6 20.♙d5+ ♙f7 21.c4 ♜ac8= Carlsen,M (2847) -Artemiev,V (2709) chess24.com (Int.-m/2-bltz) 149/(43) 2021

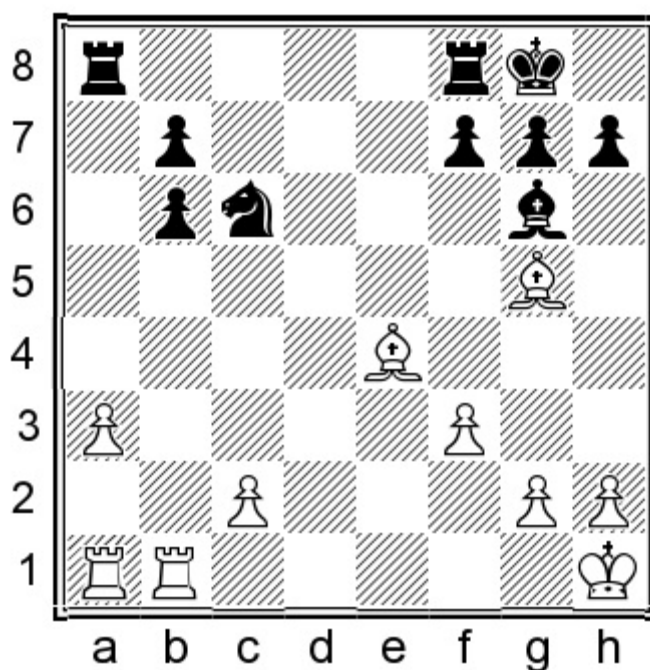
14...♞e4 15.♞xe4 dxe4 16.♙xe4 ♚xb2 17.♙b1

17.♖b1 ♚xa3 18.♖xb7 ♚a6 19.♖c7 (19.♖b1 ♙g6=) 19...♜ac8 20.♖xc8 ♜xc8 21.♖e1 ♙g6=

17...♙b6

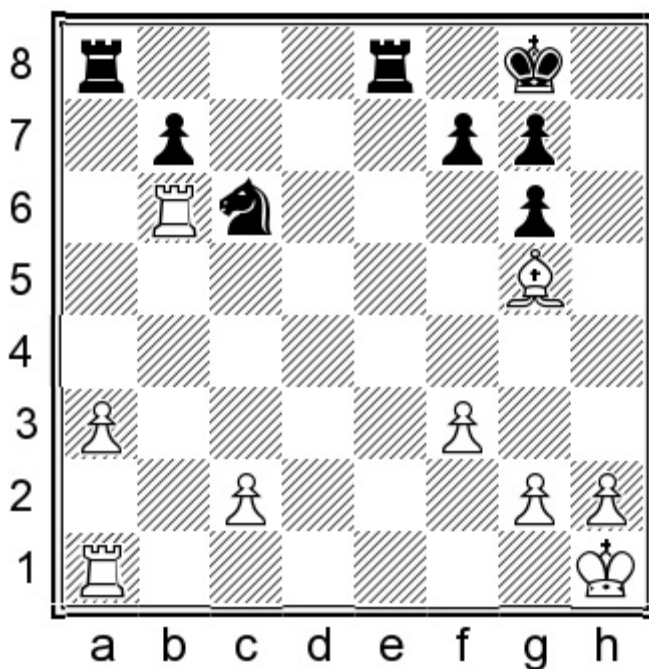
17...♙xb1 - 53/179

18.♙xb6 axb6 19.♖fb1 ♙g6



20.♙xc6N

20.♙xg6 - 149/(43) 20...hxg6 21.♖xb6 ♜fe8



22.♙h4N (22.♖xb7 ♜xa3 23.♖c1 ♘d4=; 22.h4 f6 23.♙f4 ♜a4 24.♙g3 ♜e7=) 22...♘d4 23.c3 ♘c2 24.♖a2 ♘xa3 25.h3 ♘c4 26.♖xa8 ♜xa8 27.♖xb7 ♜a1+ 28.♙h2 ♜c1 29.♖b3 ♜c2= Pap,M (2431)-Atalik,S (2483) Senta 149/(43) 2021

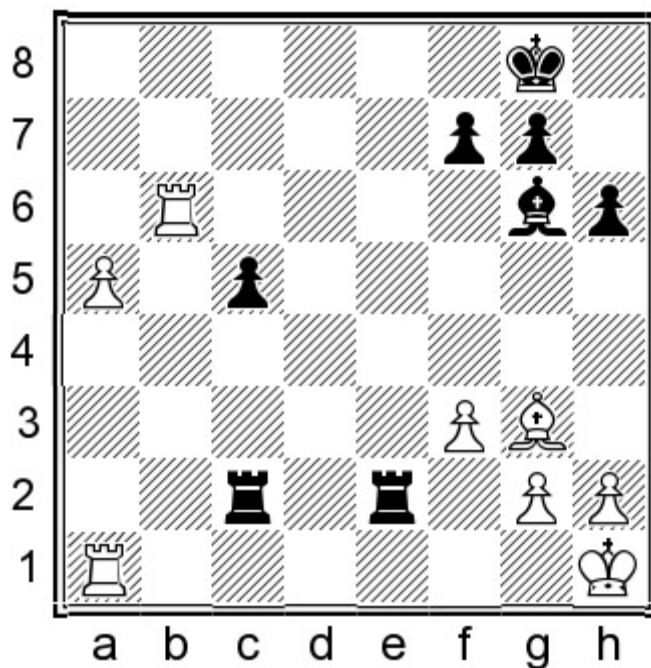
20...bxc6 21.♖xb6 h6

⊔21...f6 22.♙d2 ♙xc2 23.♖xc6 ♙a4 24.♖c7 ♜fc8=

22.♙e7 ♜fe8 23.♙b4 ♜ac8

⊔23...♙xc2 24.♖xc6 ♙a4=

24.a4! c5 25.♙c3 ♜e3 26.♙d2 ♜e2 27.♙f4 ♜ce8 28.♙g3 ♜xc2 29.a5 ♜ee2



30.a6?!

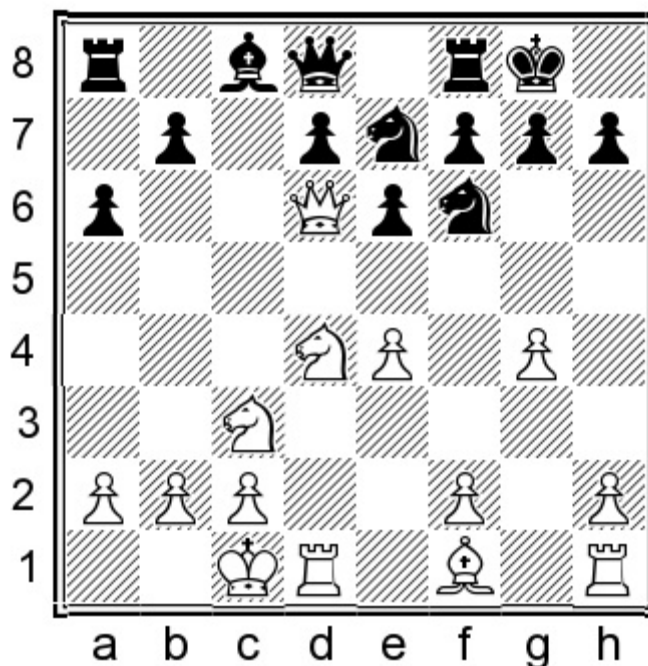
30.♖b3! ♜e6 (30...♖a2?! 31.♖a3 ♜xa3 32.♖xa3 ♙b1 33.♖a1 ♙a2 34.a6 ♙d5 35.a7 ♙a8 36.♔g1±) 31.h4 ♖a6 32.♙c7 ♙f5±

30...♖a2= 31.♖xa2 ♜xa2 32.♔g1 ♙d3 33.♖c6 ♖a1+ 34.♔f2 ♖a2+ 35.♔g1 ♖a1+ 36.♔f2 ♖a2+ 1/2-1/2

44. B45

Moussard, Jules (2635) - Travadon, Loic (2415)
France 149/44, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♘db5 ♙c5 7.♙f4 O-O 8.♙c7 ♚e7 9.♙d6 ♙xd6 10.♚xd6 ♚d8 11.O-O-O a6 12.♘d4 ♘e7 13.g4



13...Nxe8

13...Nxe8 - 148/46; 13...b5

14. Bg3 b5 15. Qd3 Qb7 16. h4 b4 17. Nce2 Bb6 18. g5 a5 19. Re3

19. h5 a4 20. g6 h6

19...a4 20. Qb1 Qh8

20...a3 21. b3 f6 22. Bhg1 e5 23. Nf5 Qxe3 24. Nxe3 Qh8

21. h5 e5 22. Nf5 Qxe3 23. Nxe3 f5 24. Bh4

24. f3 Nd6

24...fxe4

24...Nd6 25. exf5 (25. f3 fxe4 26. fxe4 a3) 25...e4 26. Qc4 (26. Qxe4? Nxe4 27. Bxd7 Nxf5 28. Nxf5 Qc8 29. Nf4! Qxd7 30. Ng6+ Qg8 31. Nfe7+ Qf7 32. Bf4+ Nf6 33. Nxf8 Qxe7 34. Nxd7 Nxd7 35. Bxb4 Nc5) 26...Nexf5 27. Nxf5 Nxc4 28. Bf4 Ne5 29. Bxd4 (29. Nd6 Qc6) 29...b3

25. Qxe4 d5

25...Qxe4 26. Bxe4 Bxf2 27. Ng4 (27. Bxe5 Nc6 28. Ng4 Nxe5 29. Nxf2) 27...Bf5 28. Nxe5 d5 29. Bc3

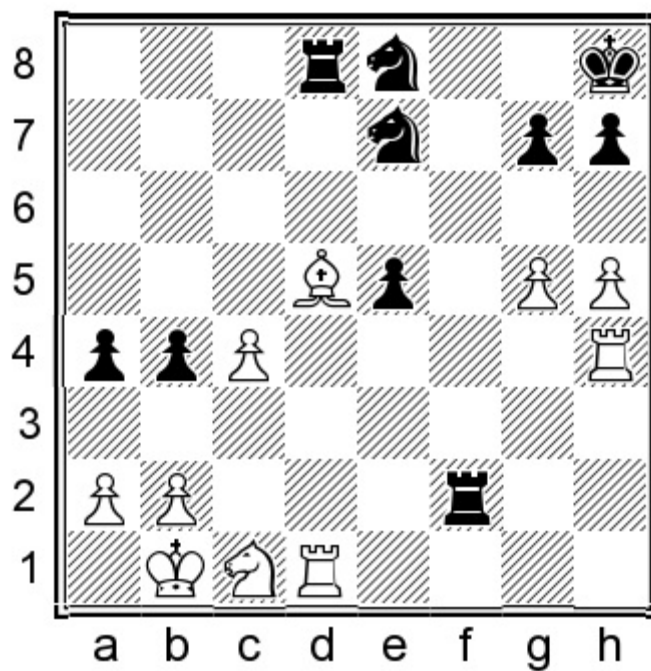
26. Nxd5 Qxd5?!

26...Nxd5 27. Qxd5 Bd8 28. c4 Nc7 29. Be1 (29. Be4? Nxd5 30. cxd5 Qxd5 31. Bxe5 Qxa2+ 32. Qc1 Qb3+) 29...Qxd5 30. cxd5 Nxd5=

27. Qxd5 Bd8 28. c4 Bxf2

28...♖c7? 29.♞e4+-

29.♘c1



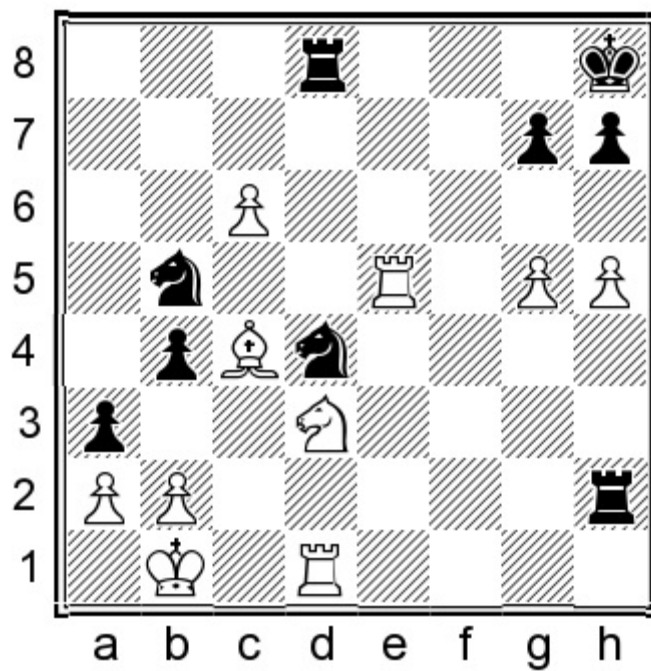
29...♘f5?

29...♞f5 30.♙f3

30.♞e4 a3 31.♘d3 ♞h2 32.♞xe5 ♘ed6 33.c5 ♘b5 34.♙c4

34.♞xf5?? axb2 35.♘xb2 ♘a3+ 36.♙a1 ♘c2+ 37.♙b1 ♘a3+=

34...♘fd4 35.c6??



35.♙xb5 ♖xb5 36.c6 ♜c7 37.♞e7+-

35...♜c3+??

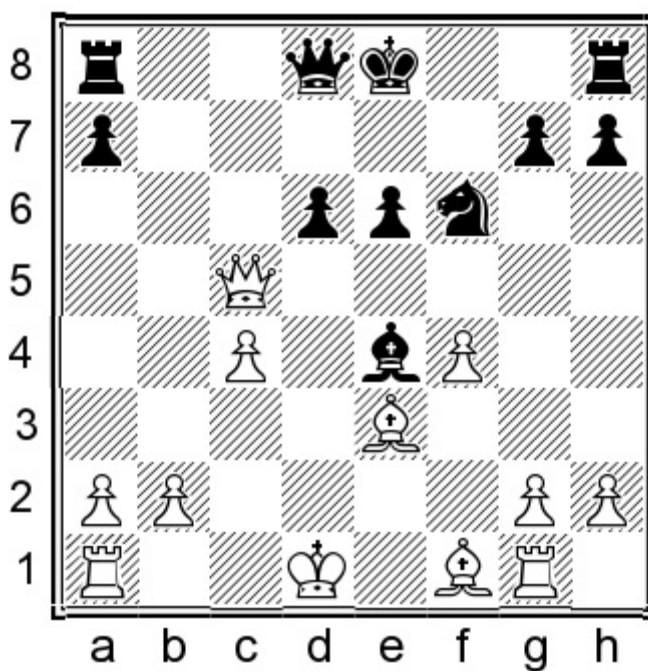
35...♞xb2+! 36.♜xb2 ♜c3+ 37.♚c1 axb2+ 38.♚xb2 ♜xd1+ 39.♚c1 ♜xc6-+

36.bxc3 bxc3 37.♞de1+- ♞b8+ 38.♙b5! ♞g8 39.c7 c2+ 40.♚a1 ♞d2 41.♞e8 ♞d1+ 42.♜c1 ♞xe1
43.♞xg8+ ♚xg8 44.c8=♞+ ♚f7 45.♞c4+ ♜e6 46.♞xc2 1-0

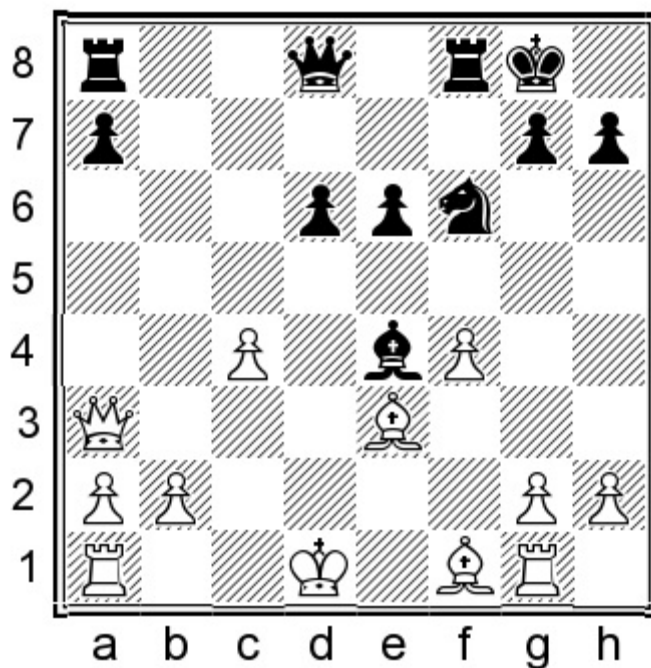
45. * B45

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2749) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2608)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/45, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♜f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♜xd4 ♜f6 5.♜c3 ♜c6 6.♜xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♜d5 8.♜e4 ♞c7 9.f4 ♞b6
10.c4 ♙b4+ 11.♚e2 f5 12.exf6 ♜xf6 13.♙e3 ♞d8 14.♜d6+ ♙xd6 15.♞xd6 ♙b7 16.♚d1!? c5
17.♞xc5 ♙e4 18.♙e2
18.♞g1 d6



19.♞a3N (19.♞d4 - 136/60) 19...O-O

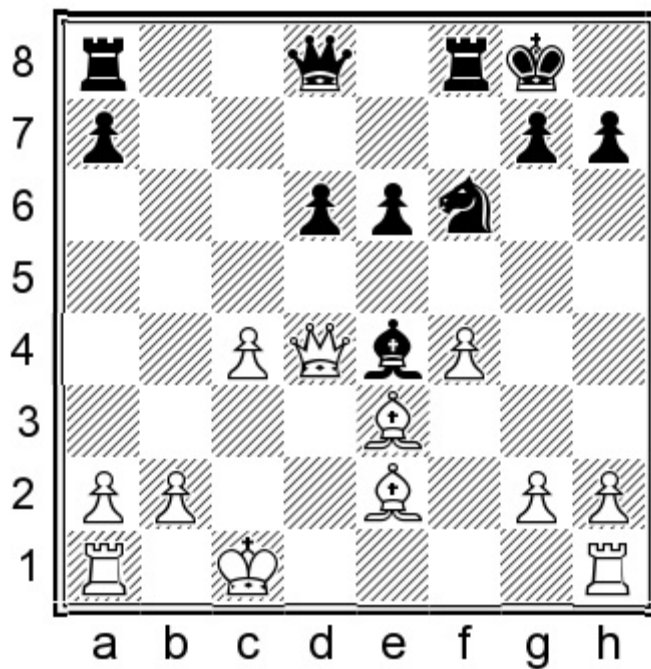


20.♔d3?! (20.♔e2 d5 21.♚e1 dxc4 22.♔xc4 ♔d5 23.♔e2 ♖c8∞) 20...d5 21.♚c2 dxc4 22.♔xe4 ♘xe4 23.♖ad1 ♜f6± Santos Ruiz,M (2597)-Vega Gutierrez,S (2392) Espana (ch) 149/(45) 2021

18...d6

18...♖c8 - 101/(115)

19.♜d4 O-O 20.♚c1



20...♜c7N

♞20...a5 21.♖d1 d5 22.b3 ♜e7 23.c5 ♖fb8 24.♔f3! ♖b4 (24...♜b7 25.♔d2 ♜b5 26.♚b2 a4 27.♔c3!±) 25.♜c3 ♔xf3 26.gxf3 d4 27.♔xd4 ♘d5 28.♜e1±

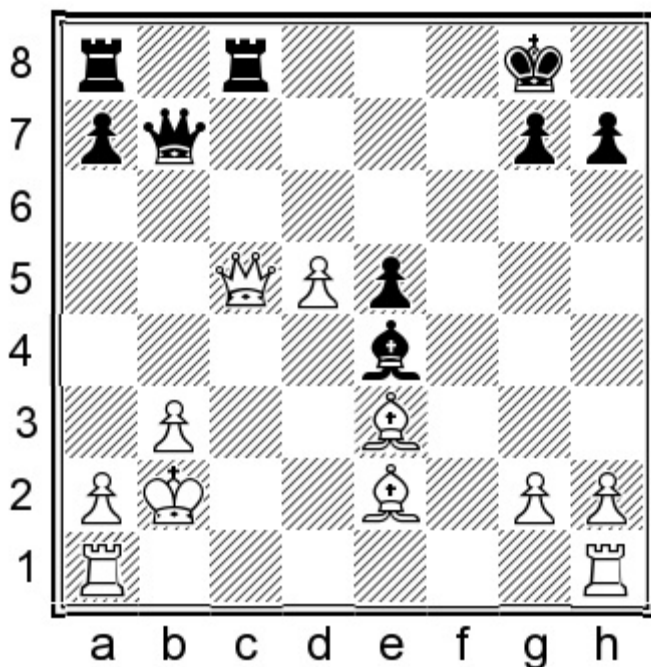
21.b3 e5?

21...a5 22.♖d1 ♜a6 23.g4 ♙g6 24.h4 a4 25.h5 ♙f7 26.♔b2±

22.fxe5 dxe5 23.♚c5 ♚b7 24.♔b2 ♜d5 25.cxd5!?

25.♙g4! ♜xe3 (25...♜b4 26.♖ad1 ♙g6 (26...♜d3+ 27.♖xd3 ♙xd3 28.♙e6+ ♔h8 29.♙d5+-) 27.♖hg1 e4 28.♔b1±) 26.♚xe3 ♙xg2 27.♖he1 ♖ae8 28.♖ad1±

25...♖fc8



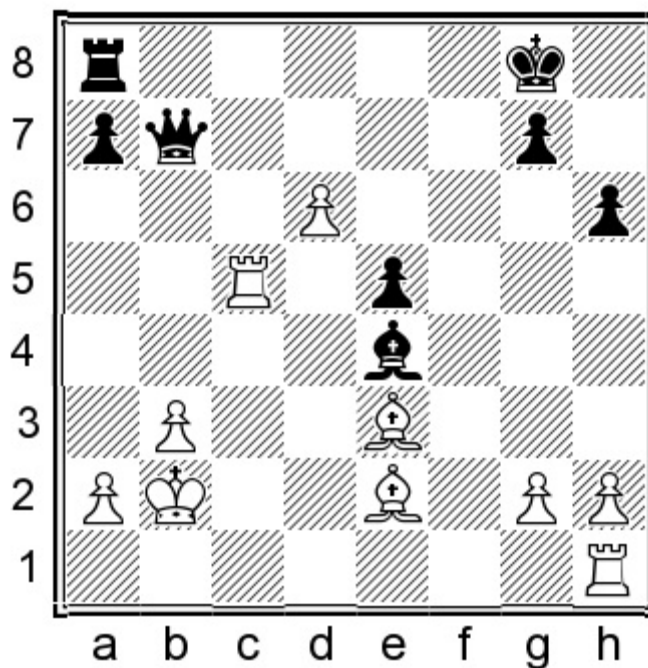
26.♖ac1!

26.♚b5 ♜c2+ 27.♔a3 ♚e7+ 28.♚b4 ♚xb4+ 29.♔xb4 ♖xe2 30.♖he1±

26...♖xc5 27.♖xc5 h6

♞27...♖c8 28.♖xc8+ ♚xc8 29.♙c4 h5 30.d6+ ♔h7 31.♖d1 ♙c6 32.♖d2 a6±

28.d6



28...Qxg2?

28...Rc8 29.Rxc8+ Qxc8 30.Rc1 Qd7 31.Rd1 Qf5 32.Rd5±

29.Rd1 Qe4

29...Qc6 30.Rdc1 Qd7 31.Qc4+ Qh8 32.Qd5 Qa6 33.Qxa8 Qe2+ 34.Qa3 Qxe3 35.R1c4+-

30.Qc4+ Qh8 31.d7 Qxe3

31...Rd8 32.Rc8 Qh4 33.Qxa7+-

32.Rc8+ Qh7 33.d8=Q 1-0

46. B45

Ponkratov, Pavel (2627) - Petrov, Nikita (2552)

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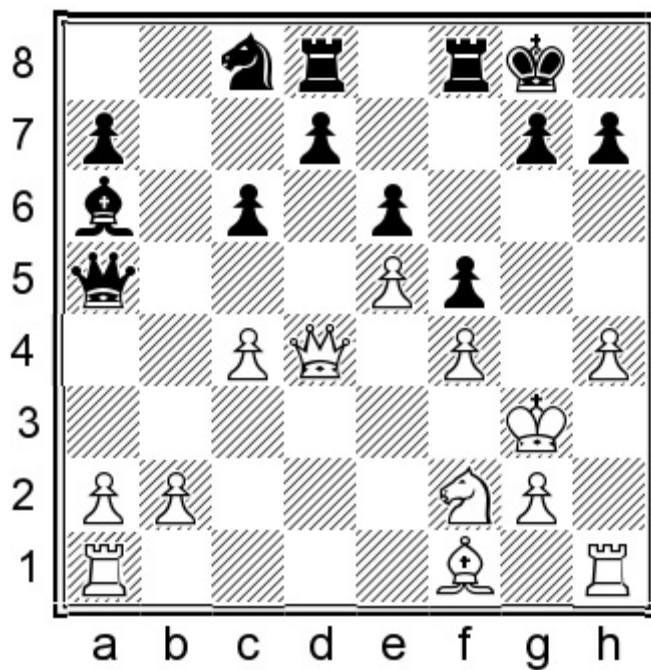
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.c4 Qb4+ 11.Qe2 f5 12.Nf2 Qa6 13.Qf3 Ne7 14.Qe3 Qc5 15.Qxc5 Qxc5 16.Qd6 Qa5 17.h4 Rd8

17...c5 - 145/45

18.Qg3 Nc8 19.Qd4

19.Qd1 O-O (19...c5∞) 20.Qe1 Qb6 21.b4 c5 22.b5 Qb7 23.a4 a5∞

19...O-O



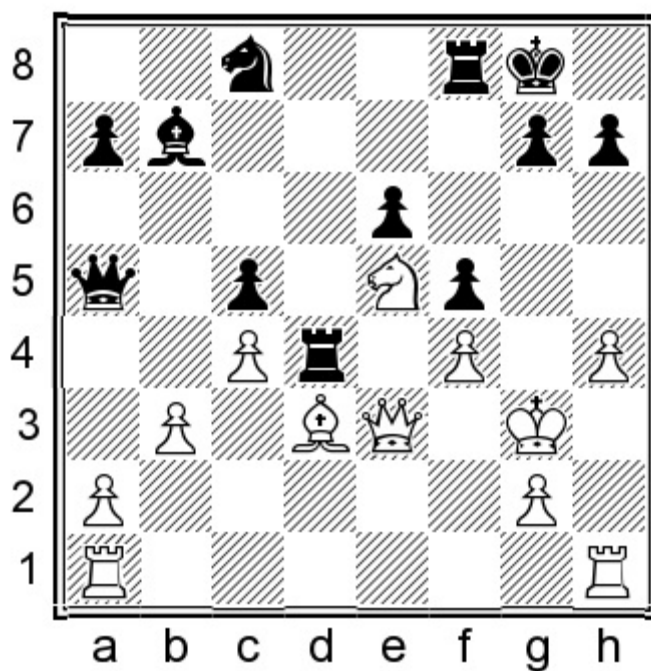
20. ♖d3N

20.c5 ♘e7 21.a3 ♙xf1 22.♖hxf1 ♘d5∞

20...d6 21.b3

21.♖c1 c5 22.♙c3 ♙b6 23.♙e2 ♙b7∞

21...c5 22.♙e3 dxe5 23.♘xe5 ♙b7 24.♙d3 ♖d4?



24...♘d6 25.♖hd1 ♘f7 26.♘xf7 (26.♙e2 ♙c7=) 26...♙xf7 27.♙e5 ♙b6 28.♙e2 a5=

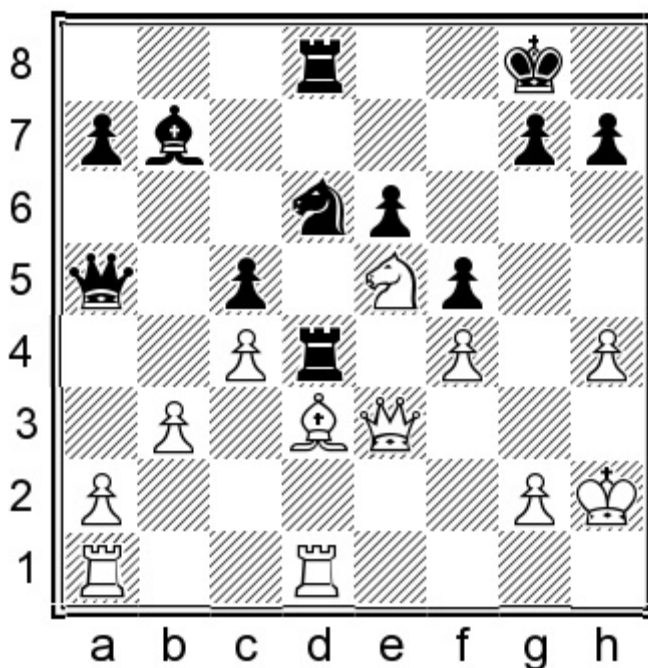
25.♖hd1?

25.b4! ♖c7 (25...♙xb4 26.♟ab1+-; 25...♙a3 26.♟hb1 ♖c3 27.bxc5 ♕e4 28.♟d1 ♟fd8 29.♟ab1+-)
 26.bxc5 ♟fd8 27.♟ad1 ♖xc5 28.♕e2 ♕e4 (28...♘e7 29.♕f3 ♕e4 30.♟xd4 ♖xd4 31.♟d1!+-) 29.♟xd4
 ♖xd4 30.♙a3 ♖d6 31.c5 ♖e7 32.♙a5+-

25...♟fd8

25...♘d6! 26.♔h2 ♘f7 27.♘xf7 ♟xf7 28.♖xe6 (28.♕c2 ♖d8↑) 28...♖c7 29.g3 ♟xf4 (29...g6!?∞)
 30.gxf4 ♖xf4+ 31.♔g1 ♖g3+ 32.♔f1 ♕e4! 33.♔e2 (33.♖e8+ ♟f8 34.♖d7 h6!-+) 33...♖f3+ 34.♔e1
 ♕xd3→

26.♔h2 ♘d6



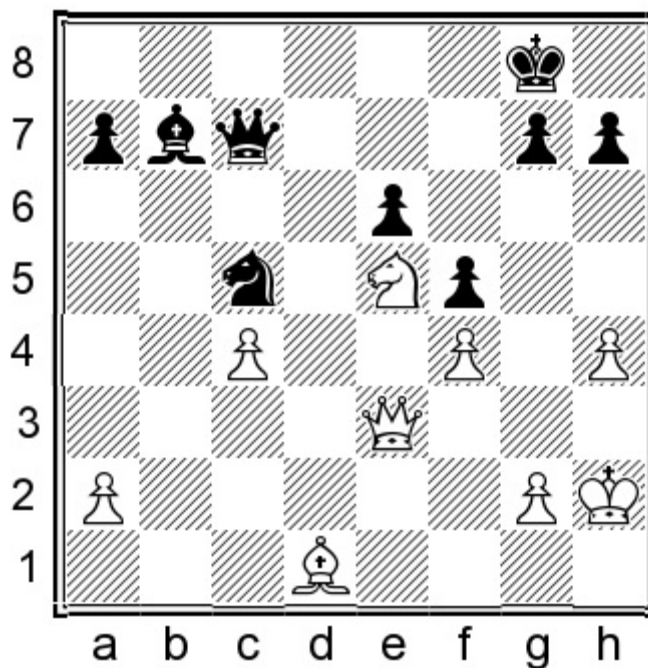
27.♕c2?!

27.♕e2 ♘f7 28.♘xf7 ♔xf7 29.♖e5!∞

27...♘e4?!

27...♘f7! 28.♘xf7 (28.b4 ♖c7 29.bxc5 ♘xe5 30.♖xe5 ♖xe5 31.fxe5 ♔f7=) 28...♔xf7 29.♟xd4 ♟xd4
 30.♟e1 ♕e4 31.♟e2 ♖d8=

28.b4! ♖c7 29.bxc5 ♟xd1 30.♟xd1 ♟xd1 31.♕xd1 ♘xc5



♖31...♙xc5 32.♙xc5 (32.♙b3 ♙f2!=) 32...♘xc5 33.♔g1 ♔f8=

32.♙f3

32.♙d4! ♙e7 33.♔h3±

32...♙xf3= 33.gxf3

33.♙xf3 ♘e4=

33...♙d6 34.♔h3 h6 35.h5 a5 36.♙e1 ♙d4 37.♙xa5 ♙f2 38.♙d8+ ♔h7 39.♙d1 ♙e3 40.♙d6 ♙f2 1/2-1/2

47. B46

Liang, Awonder (2587) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)

chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 149/47, 2021

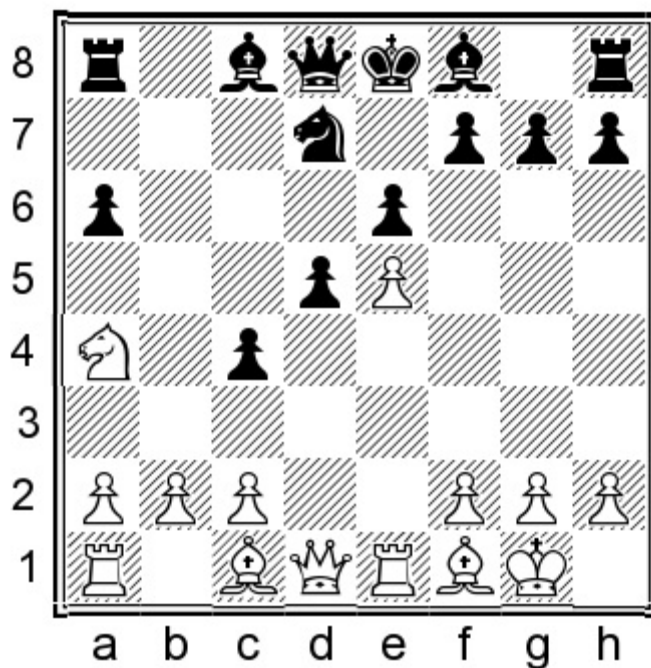
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♙d3 d5 8.O-O ♘f6 9.e5 ♘d7 10.♖e1 c5

10...g6 - 126/(51)

11.♘a4!? c4

11...♙c7 12.♙f4 (12.c4!? ♘xe5 13.♙f4 ♙d6 14.♙xe5 ♙xe5 15.♙h5 ♙d4 16.cxd5 ♙d6 17.♖ac1↑) 12...♙b7 13.c4 d4 14.♙e4∞

12.♙f1



12...♔b7N

12...♞c5?!

13.b3 ♔c6 14.♞c3 ♔b4 15.♔d2 O-O

15...♞a5?! 16.a3! ♔xc3 17.b4±

16.bxc4 dxc4 17.♞e4 ♔xd2 18.♞xd2 c3 19.♞c4 ♔b5 20.♞d4 ♔xc4 21.♞xc4 ♞a5 22.♞d4 ♞fd8
23.♞e3 ♞ac8 24.a3 ♞c5?!

24...♞b6 25.♞h4 h6 26.♞ae1↑

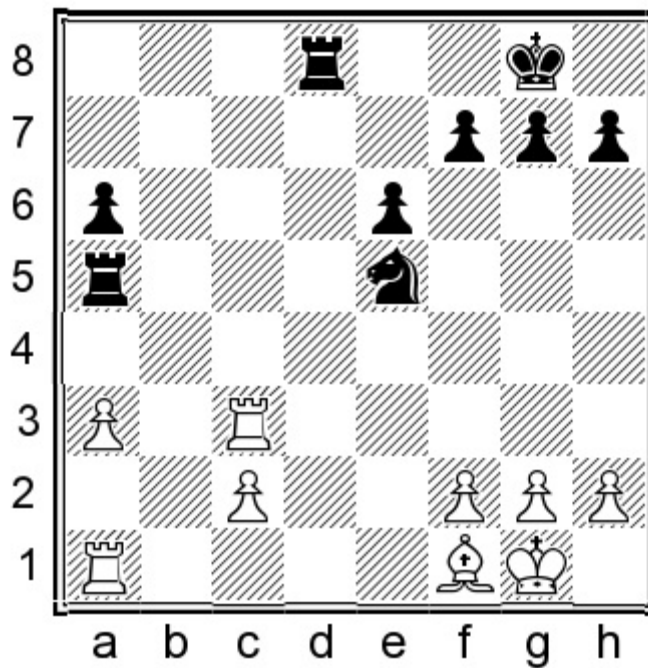
25.♞b4?!

25.♞d3! ♞d5 (25...♞xe5 26.♞b4 ♞xb4 27.axb4 ♞d5 (27...♔f8 28.♞xc3±) 28.♞xd5 exd5 29.♞xa6±)
26.♞xc3 ♞xc3 27.♞xc3 ♞c5 28.♞e1 g5 29.g3±

25...♞xe5 26.♞xa5

26.♔xa6 ♞c7∞

26...♞xa5 27.♞xc3



27...g5! 28.g3 Bxd2 29.h3 Kg7 30.Bb1 h5 31.Bb6 g4

31...Nd7! 32.Bb7 (32.Bxa6 Bf5=) 32...h4 33.gxh4 gxh4=

32.hxg4 hxg4 33.Kg2

33.Bxa6! Nf3+ (33...Bxa6 34.Qxa6 Nf3+ 35.Kg2 Bd1 36.Qf1=) 34.Bxf3 Bxa6 35.Bf4 Bxa3 36.Bxg4+ Kf6 37.Qd3=

33...Nf3 34.Bc4!

34.Bxa6? Bf5 35.Ba4 Nd4 36.Kg1 e5-+

34...Nd4

34...Ne1+ 35.Kg1 Bg5 36.Bxa6 Bd1 37.Baa4! Nf3+ 38.Kg2 f5 39.Bc7+ Kg6 40.Baa7 Bh5 41.Bg7+ Kf6 42.Baf7+ Ke5 43.Bh7 Bxh7 44.Bxh7=

35.Qd3 e5?!

35...Bd5 36.Bxa6 f5=

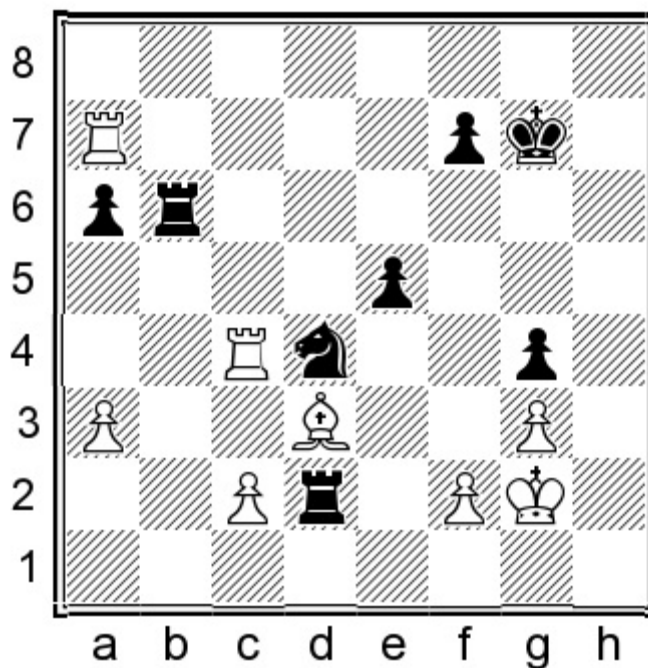
36.Bb7

36.a4! Bd5 37.Qe4 Bd7 38.c3 f5 (38...Ne6 39.Qf5±) 39.cxd4 (39.Bb7 Bxb7 40.Qxb7 Nb3 41.Qxa6 e4=) 39...fxe4 40.dxe5 Bf7 41.Bf6 Bxf6 42.exf6+ Kxf6 43.Bxe4±

36...Bb5! 37.Ba7

37.Be7!?

37...Bb6



38.♖xd4??

38.c3! ♜bb2 (38...♘e6 39.♙f5=; 38...♞xd3 39.cxd4 ♞xd4 40.♞xd4 exd4 41.♞d7=) 39.cxd4 ♞xf2+ 40.♚g1 ♞g2+ 41.♚h1 ♞h2+ 42.♚g1 ♞bg2+ 43.♚f1 ♞xg3 (43...♞a2 44.♚g1 ♞hg2+ 45.♚h1 ♞xg3 46.dxe5 ♞h3+ 47.♚g1 ♞xd3 48.♞xg4+ ♚f8 49.♞a8+ ♚e7 50.♞a7+=) 44.dxe5 ♞xd3 45.♞xg4+ ♚f8 46.♚g1=

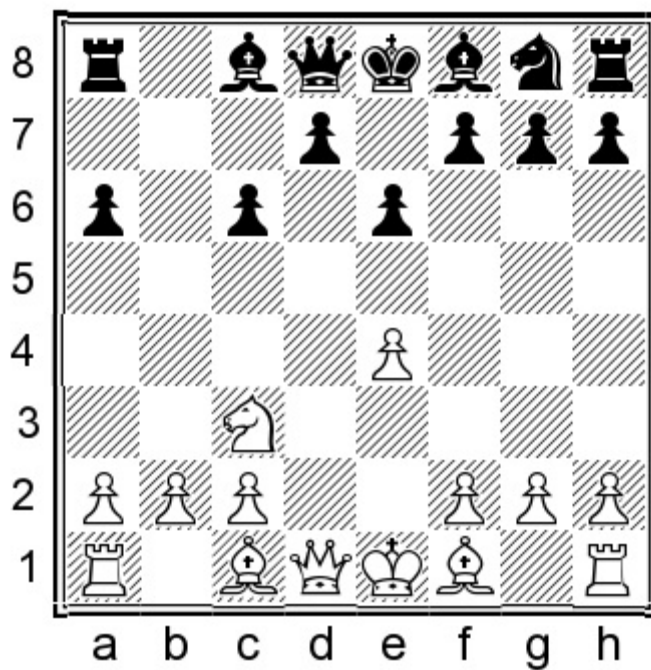
38...exd4-+ 39.♞d7 ♞f6 0-1

48. B46

Ivic, Velimir (2581) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/48, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♘xc6 bxc6



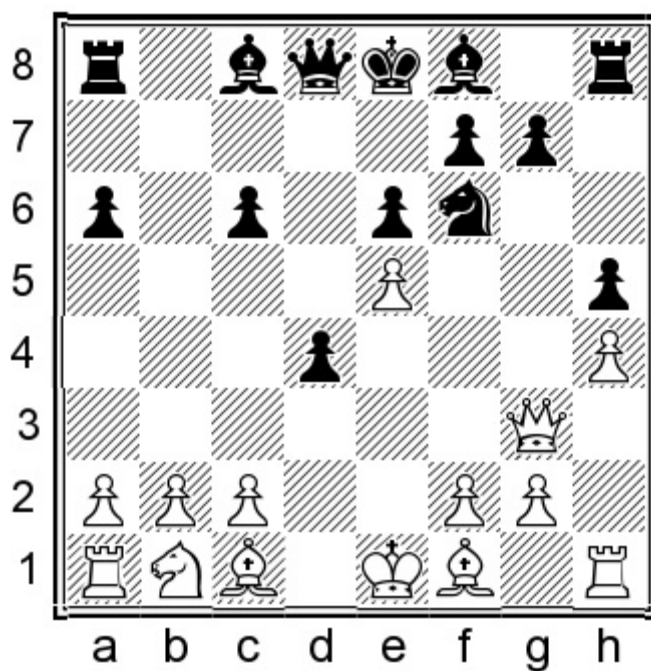
7.♔d3!?! [Δ Qg3]

7.♕d3 d5 8.O-O ♖f6 9.♖e1 ♗e7 10.e5 ♘d7 11.♔g4 ♕f8 - 103/(119)

7...d5 8.♔g3 h5

8...♖f6 9.♕e2 d4 10.e5! ♘d7 11.♖e4 ♗a5+ 12.c3 ♗xe5 13.♔xe5 ♖xe5 14.cxd4±

9.h4 d4 10.♖b1 ♖f6 11.e5



11...♖g4!?!N

11...♖e4 12.♔f4 ♗b4+ 13.♖d2 ♖xd2 14.♕xd2 ♗xd2+ 15.♕xd2 ♗b7 16.♖h3 c5 17.♖g3∞

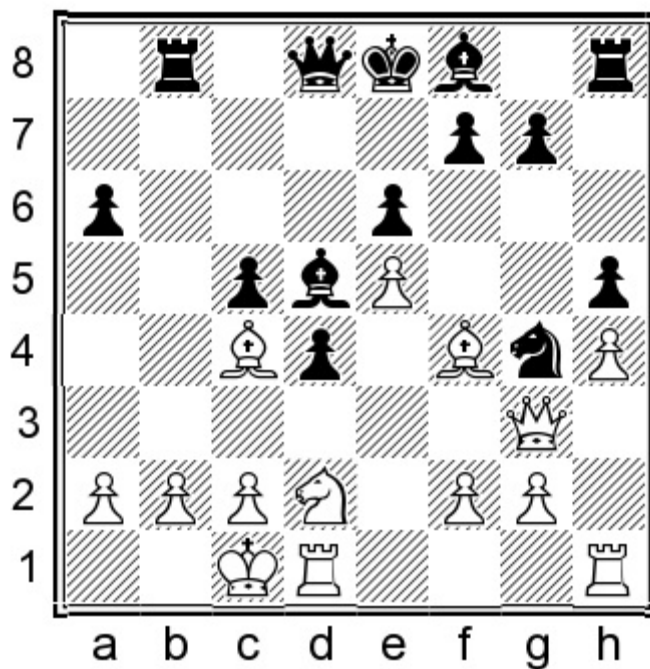
12.♙f4! c5

12...♜b6? 13.♘d2 ♜xb2 14.♞b1 ♜xc2 15.♙d3 ♜xa2 16.O-O+-

13.♘d2 ♙b7 14.O-O-O

14.♙d3!?

14...♙d5 15.♙c4 ♞b8



16.b3± ♘h6 17.♙xd5 ♜xd5 18.♘c4 ♘f5 19.♜d3 ♙e7

19...♜xg2?! 20.f3!± ×Qg2

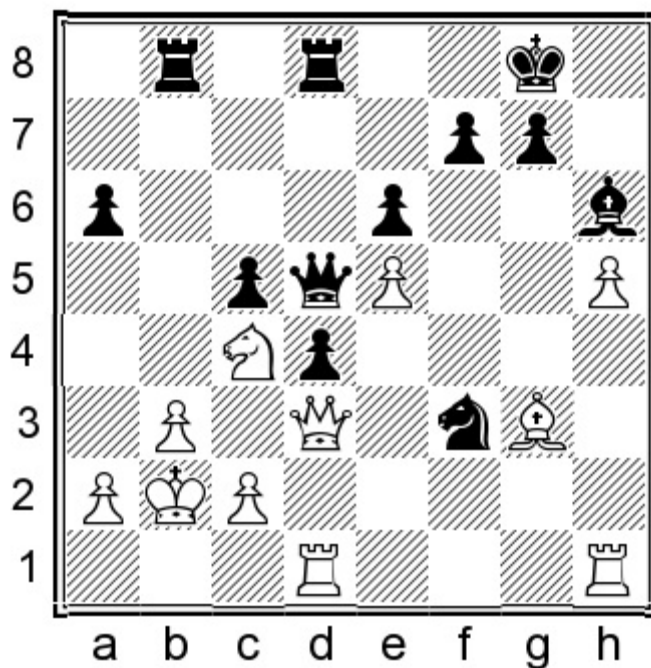
20.g3 O-O?

20...g6 21.f3±

21.f3 ♞fd8 22.g4 ♘h4 23.♙g3 ♘xf3 24.gxh5 ♙g5+

24...♞b4! 25.♙f4 ♞xc4 26.bxc4 ♜b7 27.♞df1 ♘h4 28.♞hg1 ♘f5 29.♙d2∞

25.♙b2 ♙h6??



25...♖b4! 26.♔a1 ♜xc4 27.bxc4 ♚b7 28.♞hf1 ♙e3 29.h6±

26.♞df1!+- ♜g5 27.♙f4 ♚e4 28.♞hg1! ♚xd3 29.cxd3 ♜h3 30.♙xh6 ♜xg1 31.♞xg1 ♔h7 32.♙xg7 ♞g8 33.h6 1-0

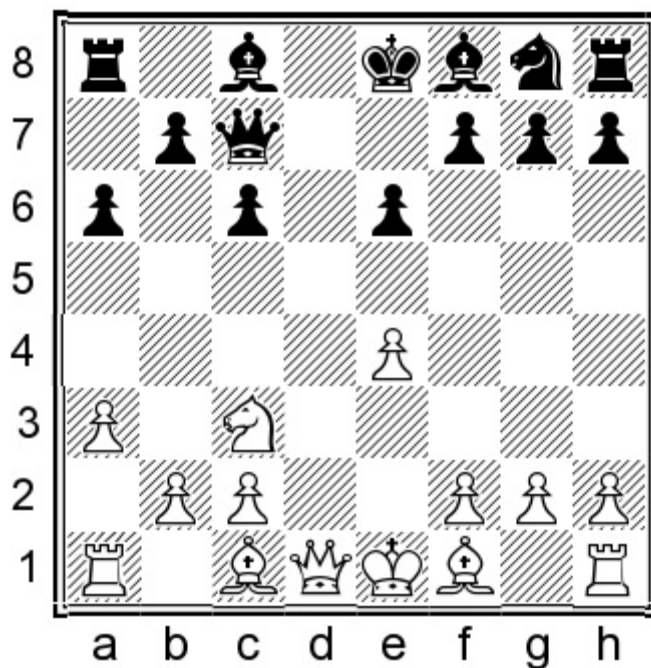
49. B48

Karjakin, Sergey (2757) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2704)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/6-rapid) 149/49, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♚c7 6.a3 a6 7.♘xc6!?

7.♙e3 - 145/46

7...dxc6



7...bxc6 8. ♖g4 ♜f6 9. ♖g3 ♜xg3 10. hxg3 d5 11. ♙d3 h6 12. ♙f4 ♙e7 13. f3±

8. ♖g4N

8. ♙c4

8...e5 9. ♖g3 ♙e6

9... ♜f6 10. ♙c4 b5 11. ♙a2 ♜h5 (11...a5 12. O-O ♜h5 (12...b4? 13. axb4 axb4 14. ♙xf7+ ♜xf7 15. ♜xa8 bxc3 16. ♖xc3+-) 13. ♖f3 ♜f6 14. a4 b4 15. ♜e2 ♙e7 16. ♜g3±) 12. ♖f3 ♜f6 13. h3 ♙e7 14. g4 O-O 15. g5 ♜d7 16. h4↑

10. ♙e2

10. f4! g6 (10... ♜f6 11. f5 ♙c8 12. ♙e3±) 11. ♙d3±

10...h5 11. f3

11. h4 ♜f6 12. ♙g5 O-O-O∞

11...h4 12. ♖f2 ♜f6 13. ♙e3 ♙e7 14. O-O

14. ♙b6 ♖c8 15. ♜a4 ♜d7 16. ♙e3 (16. O-O-O?! c5±) 16...b5 17. ♜c5 ♜xc5 18. ♙xc5 ♖d8=

14...b5 15. ♙c5?!

15. f4 h3 (15...exf4 16. ♙xf4 ♖a7 17. ♙e3 ♖c7=) 16. f5 hxg2 17. ♜xg2 ♙d7∞

15... ♜h5

15...a5! 16. ♜fd1 (16. b4?! ♜d7 17. ♙xe7 ♜xe7±) 16... ♙xc5 17. ♖xc5 ♖a7 18. ♖xa7 ♜xa7 19. ♜d6 ♜c7±

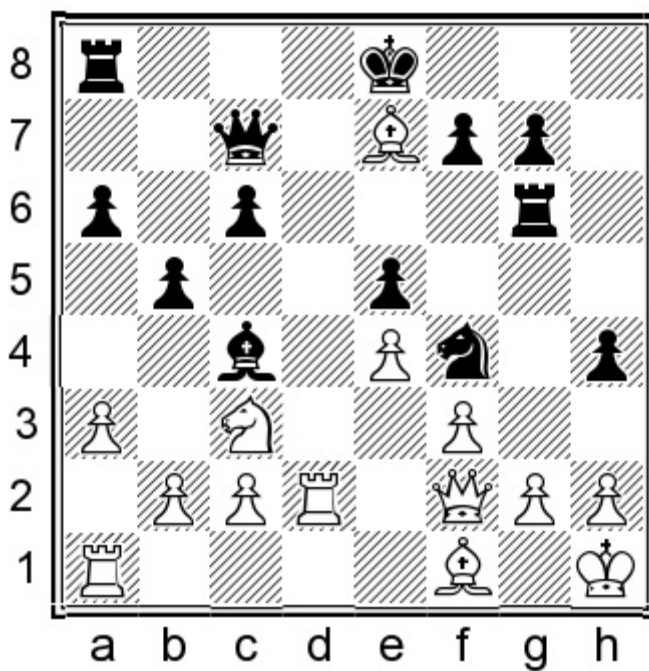
16. ♜fd1 ♜h6?!

16...♘f4 17.♙f1 ♕xc5 18.♖xc5 ♖a7 19.♖xa7 ♜xa7

17.♙f1 ♜g6 18.♞d2

18.a4 ♘f4 (18...b4 19.♘e2∞) 19.♔h1 ♙c4 20.♙xe7 ♙xf1 21.♖xf1 ♖xe7 22.axb5 ♜xg2 23.♞xa6 ♜xa6 24.bxa6 ♔f8∞

18...♘f4 19.♔h1 ♙c4 20.♙xe7



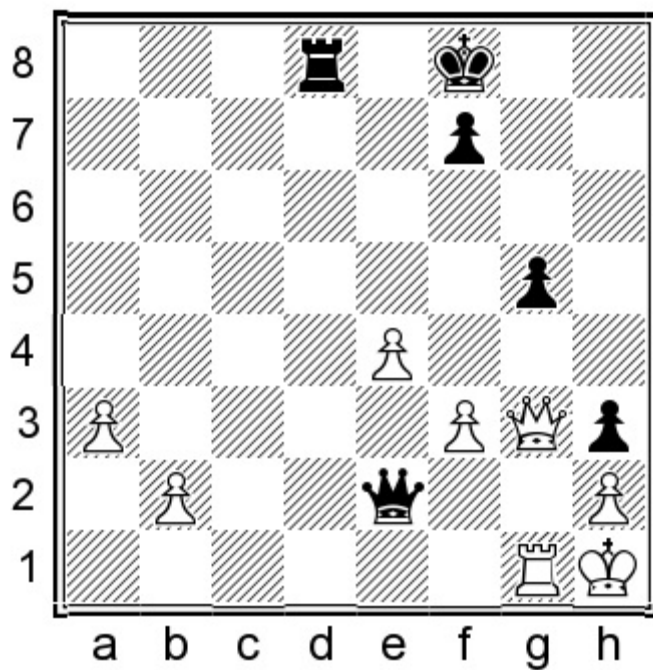
20...♖xe7

20...♙xf1! 21.♖xf1 ♖xe7 22.♞ad1 ♔f8 23.♘a2! ♖g5 24.♖f2 ♔g8↑

21.♙xc4 ♜xg2 22.♖b6! ♜xd2 23.♖xc6+ ♔f8 24.♖xa8+ ♞d8 25.♖xa6 bxc4 26.♖xc4 ♖a7 27.♘d5

27.♞f1 ♞d2 28.♖c8+ ♔e7 29.♖g4 ♔f8 30.♖xh4 ♔g8∞

27...♖f2 28.♖f1 ♖xc2 29.♘xf4 exf4 30.♖c1 ♖e2 31.♖xf4 h3 32.♞g1 g5 33.♖g3



33. ♖f6 ♜d1 34. ♚h8+ ♔e7 35. ♚xh3 ♜xg1+ 36. ♔xg1 ♚e3+ 37. ♔f1 ♚c1+=

33...♜d3??

33...♜d1=

34. ♚xh3 ♜xf3 35. ♚h8+ ♔e7 36. ♚e5+ ♔d7 37. ♚d5+?⊕

37. ♚xg5! ♚xe4 38. ♚g4++-

37...♔e8 38. ♚e5+ ♔d7 1/2-1/2

B50-B74

50. * B51

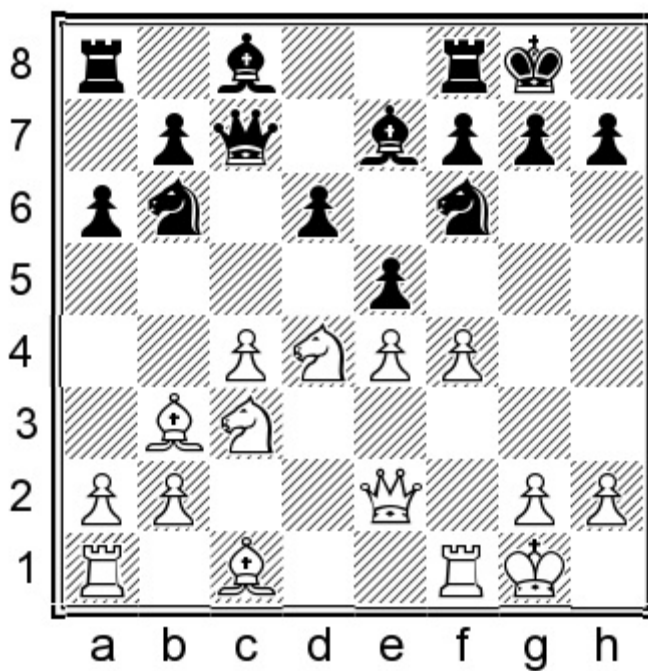
Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2691)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/50, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♙b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.O-O a6 7.♙a4 e6 8.c4 ♙e7 9.♘c3 O-O
10.♚e2 ♚c7 11.f4

11.♙b3 - 148/53

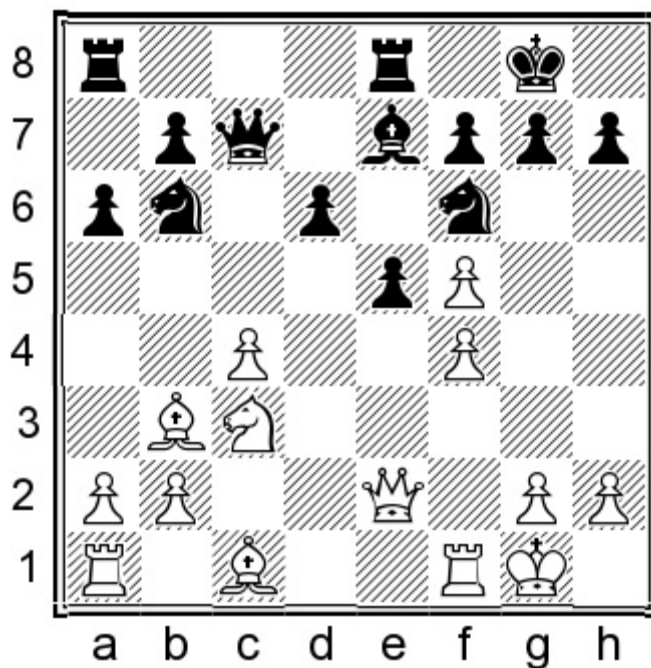
11...♘b6 12.♙b3 e5



13.♘f5N

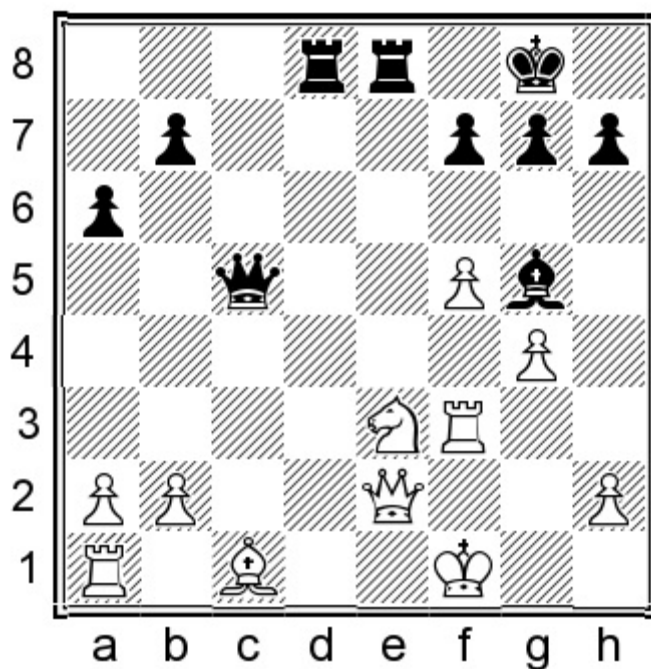
13.fxe5 ♙g4 14.♘f3 dxe5∞

13...♙xf5 14.exf5 ♚fe8



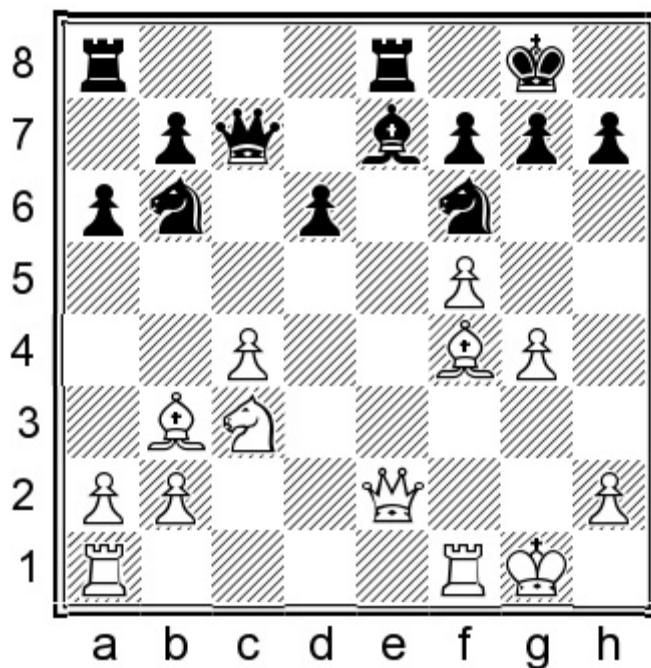
15.g4 exf4 - 149/50

15...d5!?N 16.cxd5 (16.g5 dxc4 17.gxf6 ♕c5+ 18.♔h1 ♖c6+ 19.♞e4 cxb3 20.♚g2 ♕f8∞) 16...♞fxd5 17.♕xd5 ♞xd5 18.♞xd5 ♖c5+ 19.♞e3 exf4 20.♞xf4 ♕g5 21.♞f3 ♞ad8 22.♔f1



(22.f6 ♞e4 23.♚f2 ♕xf6∞) 22...♚d4 (22...♚c6! 23.h4 (23.♔g2 ♞d4 24.h3 ♞e5∞) 23...♕xh4 24.♞h3 ♕g5∞) 23.a4± Svidler,P (2714)-Vitiugov,N (2724) Krasnaya Polyana (m/2-rapid) 149/(50) 2021

16.♕xf4



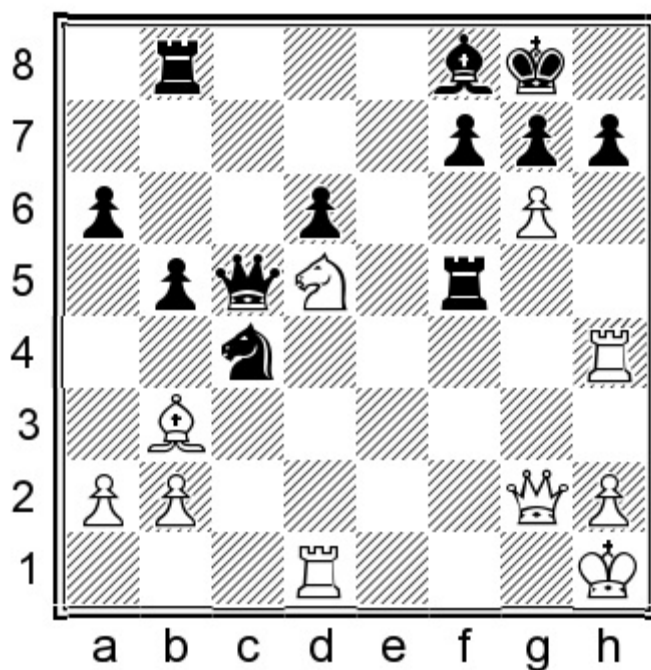
16...♙f8?

16...h6! 17.♙g2! (17.h4 ♖c6 18.g5 d5! 19.cxd5 (19.♙g2 dxc4 20.gxf6 ♙c5+ 21.♔h2 ♙xg2+ 22.♕xg2 cxb3 23.axb3 ♖ad8∞) 19...♘fxd5 20.♙g2 hxg5 21.hxg5 ♘xf4 22.♖xf4 ♙xg2+ 23.♕xg2 ♙xg5 24.♖g4 ♙e7∞) 17...♙c6 (17...a5!?) 18.♙xc6 bxc6 19.h3±

17.♙g2 ♘xc4?

17...♙c6 18.g5 ♙xg2+ 19.♕xg2 ♘fd7 20.g6± (20.♖ad1±)

18.g5 ♘h5 19.♘d5 ♙c5+ 20.♕h1+- b5 21.g6 ♖ab8 22.♖ad1 ♘xf4 23.♖xf4 ♖e5 24.♖h4 ♖xf5



25.♙c2?!

25.♖xh7! ♖xd5 (25...fxg6 26.♞xg6 ♖xd5 27.♞f1+-) 26.♖xd5 ♞e3 27.gxf7+ ♜xf7 28.♞f5+ ♜e6 (28...♜g8 29.♖xf8+-) 29.♞g4+-

25...♞f2

25...fxg6 26.♙xf5 gxf5 27.♞h3+-

26.gxf7+ ♜xf7 27.♙xf5?

27.♞e4! ♞f3+ (27...g6 28.♖xh7+ ♜g8 29.♞h3+-) 28.♞xf3 ♖xf3 29.♜g2 ♞c8 (29...♜e5 30.♞h5+-) 30.♙xh7 ♜e5 31.♙e4 g5 32.♞h5+-

27...♞xh4 28.♞f1

28.♙xh7 ♞xh7 29.♞f1+ ♜e8 30.♜c7+ (30.♞g4 ♙e7 31.♜c7+ (31.♞e6 ♞h4 32.♞f7 ♜e5! 33.♞xg7 ♞e1+=) 31...♜d8 32.♜e6+ ♜e8 33.♜xg7+ ♜d8 34.♜e6+=; 30.♞f3 ♞g8 31.♜c7+ ♜d7 32.♜xa6 ♙e7∞) 30...♜d7 31.♜xa6 ♖b6 32.♞g4+ (32.♖xf8 ♜e3∞) 32...♜d8 33.♖xf8+ ♜e7 34.♞f5 ♞h6 35.♞e4+ ♜e5 36.♜b4 ♞c1+ 37.♜g2 ♞d2+ 38.♜g3 ♜d7∞; 28.♞f1 g6 29.♙xg6+ ♜xg6 30.♞f3 ♜g7 31.♞g1+ ♜h8 32.♞f7 ♞e4+=; 28.♞g1 ♞e8□ (28...♜g8? 29.♞d3+-) 29.♙xh7 (29.♞f1 ♜g8=) 29...♞xh7 30.♞f1+ ♜e6 31.♜f4+ ♜f7 32.♜d5+ ♜e6=

28...♜g8 29.♞f4 ♞e1+ 30.♞f1 ♞e5

30...♞h4 31.♞f4 ♞e1+=

31.♞h3 ♞xd5+ 32.♞f3 ♞d1+ 33.♞f1 ♞d5+ 34.♞f3 ♞d1+ 1/2-1/2

51. * B51

Kasimdzhanov, Rustam (2662) - Donchenko, Alexander (2652)

Deutschland 149/51, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♜f3 d6 3.♙b5+ ♜d7 4.O-O a6 5.♙d3 ♜gf6 6.c3 b5 7.♙c2 ♙b7 8.♞e1 c4 9.a4 e6 10.d4 cxd3 11.♞xd3 ♜c5 12.♞e2 bxa4 13.♙e3 ♜fd7 14.♙d4

14.♙xc5 - 142/50

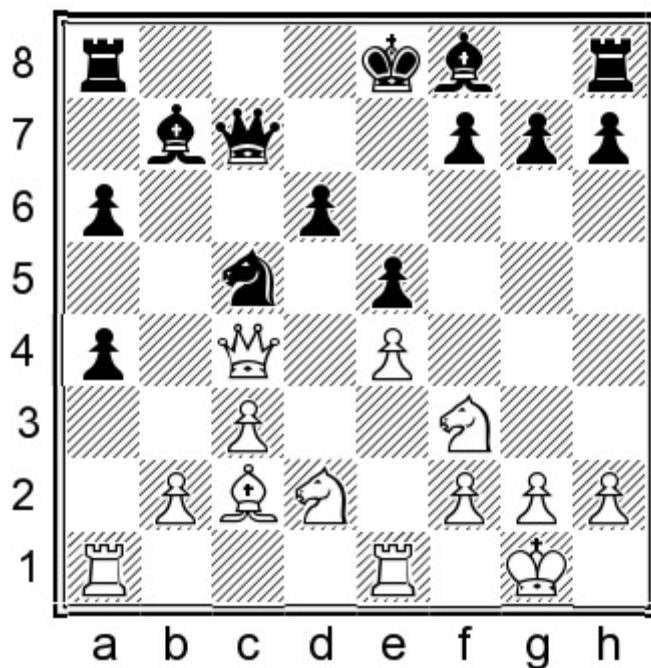
14...♞c7 15.♜bd2

15.♜fd2!?

15...e5

15...♖b8N 16.e5 ♙xf3 (16...dxe5 17.♜xe5 ♜xe5 18.♞xe5 ♞xe5 19.♞xe5 ♞c8∞) 17.♜xf3 ♞xb2 18.exd6 (18.c4 ♞xc2 19.♞xc2 dxe5 20.♜xe5 ♜b3 21.♞e4 ♜xd4 22.♞xd4 ♜c5∞) 18...♙xd6∞ Drygalov,A (2500)-Xiong,J (2709) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 149/ (51) 2021

16.♙xc5 ♜xc5 17.♞c4



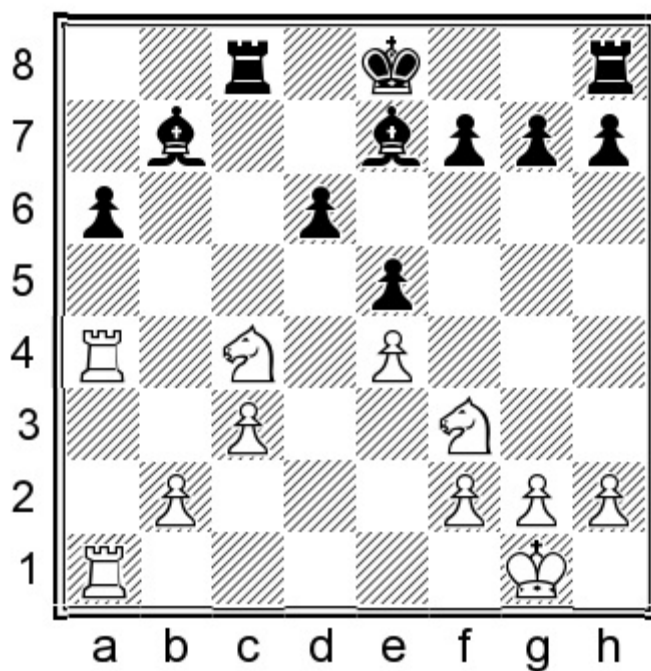
17...Rc8N

17...Qd7 18.Rxa4 Qe7 19.Ra3 O-O

18.Qxa4+ Nxa4 19.Qxa4+ Qc6

19...Qd7 20.Nc4 Rc5 21.Na5 Qc8 22.Red1 Qxa4 23.Rxa4 Qd7 24.Raa1 Qe7 25.Ne1±

20.Nc4 Qxa4 21.Rxa4 Qe7 22.Ra1



22.Rb4 Qc6 23.Rb6 O-O 24.Rxa6 f5 25.Ra7 (25.Ncd2 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Qb7 27.Ra7 Rb8; 25.Nfd2 fxe4 26.Ra7 Qd8 27.Nxe4 Qxe4 28.Rxe4 d5 29.Rg4 g6 30.Nxe5 Qb6 31.Ra6 Qxf2+ 32.Qf1 Qg3+ 33.Nf3

♙xh2∞) 25...♙xe4 26.♖xe7 ♖xc4 27.♜d2 ♖a4 28.♖d7 ♖f6 29.♜xe4 fxe4 30.g3±

22...♖b8!

22...♙xe4? 23.♜xd6+ ♙xd6 24.♖xe4±

23.♜e3 g6 24.♖1a2?!

24.♜d2 O-O 25.♖d1 ♖fd8 26.f3 d5 27.exd5 ♙xd5 28.♜dc4 ♙b7 29.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 30.♚f2∞

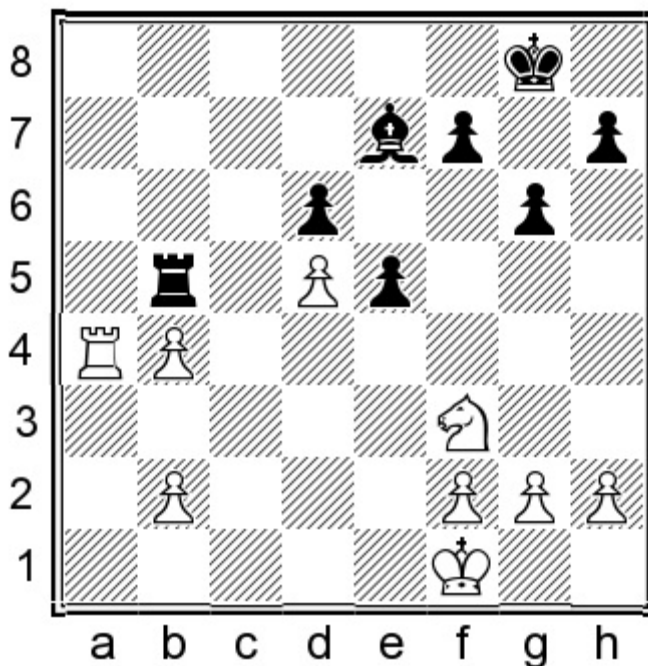
24...O-O

24...♚d7!±

25.♜d5 ♙d8 26.♖b4

26.♜d2 f5 27.c4 a5↑

26...♙xd5 27.exd5 ♖xb4 28.cxb4 ♙e7 29.♖xa6 ♖b8 30.♖a4 ♖b5 31.♚f1



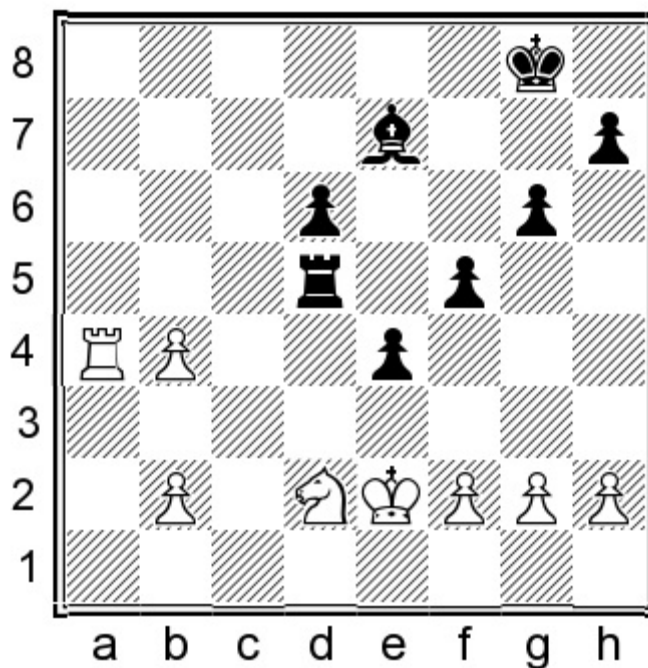
31...♖xd5

31...f5 32.h4! h6 (32...♖xd5 33.♖a7 ♙f6 (33...♚f8 34.♜g5=) 34.♜g5 ♙xg5 35.hxg5 ♖d2 36.♖d7 ♖xb2 37.♖xd6 ♖xb4 38.♖e6 e4 39.♖e7=) 33.♜d2 ♖xd5 34.♜c4 ♚f7 35.h5 gxh5 36.♜e3 ♖d2 37.♜xf5 ♙f8 38.♖a7+=

32.♚e2

32.♖a5! ♖d1+ (32...♖d3 33.♖a3 ♖d5 34.♖a5=) 33.♚e2 ♖b1 34.♖a2 ♖c1 35.b5∞

32...e4 33.♜d2 f5



34. Nc4?

34. f3 g5 35. Bb1 exf3+ (35... Qf7 36. fxe4 fxe4 37. Nc3 Bxd2+ 38. Qf1 d5 39. Ba5 e3 (39... Qf6 40. Nxd5 Qd4 41. b5=) 40. Bxd5 Bf2+ 41. Qg1) 36. gxf3

34... Qf7 35. Nc3 Bb5 36. Nc2 Qf6 37. Ba7+ Qe6 38. Bxh7 d5 39. Ba7

39. Qe3 Qxb2 40. Ba7 Bb6-+

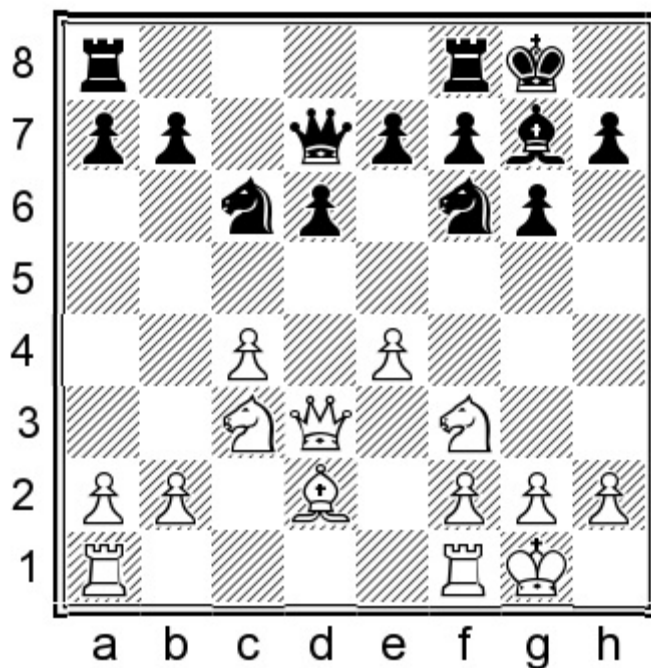
39... d4 40. Ba6+ Qf7 41. Ba7+ Qf8 42. Ba8+ Qg7 43. Ba7+ Qh6 44. Qd1 d3 45. Nc3 Qxb2 46. Bxd7 Bxb4 47. Nd5 Bc4 48. Ne3 Bc1+ 49. Qd2 Bg1 50. Nd1 Qf6 0-1

52. * B52

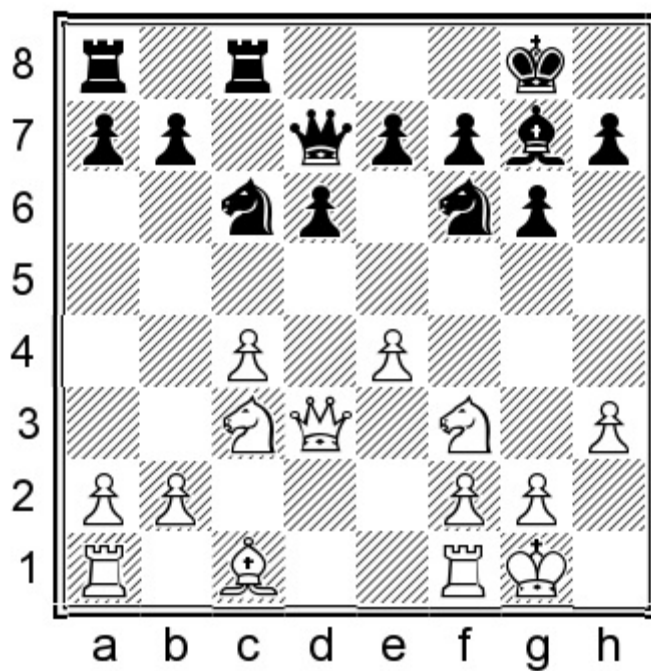
Navara, David (2697) - Grandelius, Nils (2670)

Praha 149/52, 2021

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Qd7 4. Qxd7+ Qxd7 5. c4 Qf6 6. Nc3 g6 7. d4 cxd4 8. Qxd4!? Qc6 9. Qd3 Qg7 10. O-O O-O 11. Qd2



11.h3 ♖fc8



(11...♖ac8 - 122/(58)) 12.♔d2N (12.♖b1) 12...♔e8 13.♖ac1 ♘d7 14.b3 ♘de5 15.♘xe5 ♘xe5 16.♔e2±
Donchenko,A (2652)-Kjartansson,G (2496) Warszawa 149/(52) 2021

11...♖ad8!?N

11...♖fc8

12.♖ad1 ♘g4 13.b3 f5 14.h3

14.exf5 ♔xf5 (14...♖xf5 15.h3 ♘ge5 16.♘xe5 ♘xe5 17.♔e2±) 15.♔d5+ ♔xd5 16.♘xd5±

14...♖ge5 15.♗xe5 ♗xe5 16.♞g3 fxe4

♙16...♗c6 17.exf5 ♞xf5 18.♕h1 ♜f7 19.♞e3 a6∞

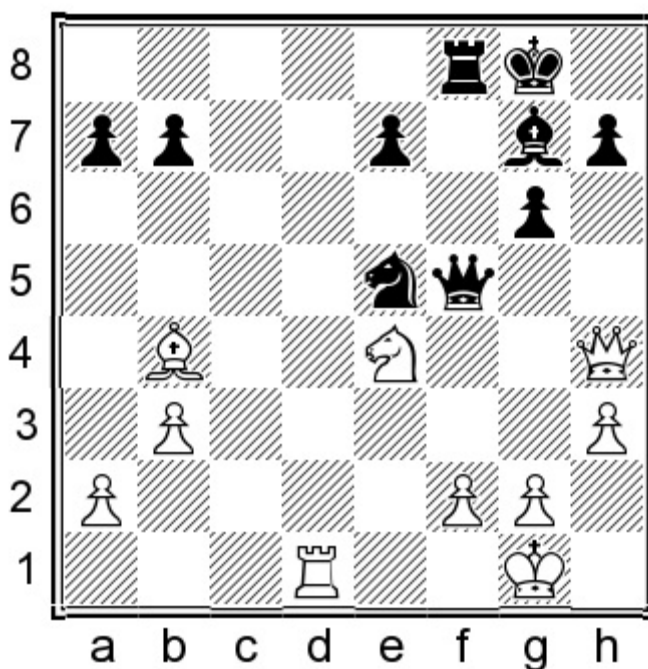
17.♗xe4 ♞f5 18.♞h4 d5 19.cxd5

19.♗g3 ♞c2 (19...♞e6 20.cxd5 ♜xd5 21.♙e3 ♗c6 22.♗e4 ♞f5±) 20.♙e3 (20.♞xe7?! ♜fe8 21.♞xb7 dxc4 22.♞b4 ♜f8!干) 20...♙f6 21.♙g5 dxc4 22.♜xd8 ♜xd8 23.♙xf6 exf6 24.♞xf6 ♜e8 25.bxc4 ♞xc4∞

19...♜xd5 20.♙b4

20.♙e3±

20...♜xd1 21.♜xd1



21...h6! 22.♙c3

22.♙xe7 g5 23.♞h5 ♞xe4 24.♙xf8 ♙xf8∞

22...g5 23.♞g3 ♞xe4 24.♙e1 ♗f3+= 25.gxf3 ♞xf3 26.♙xg7 ♞xg3+ 27.fxg3 ♗xg7 28.♜xe7+ ♜f7 29.♜e6 ♜f6 30.♜e7+ ♜f7 31.♜e6 ♜f6 32.♜e7+ 1/2-1/2

53. B52

Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2738)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/53, 2021

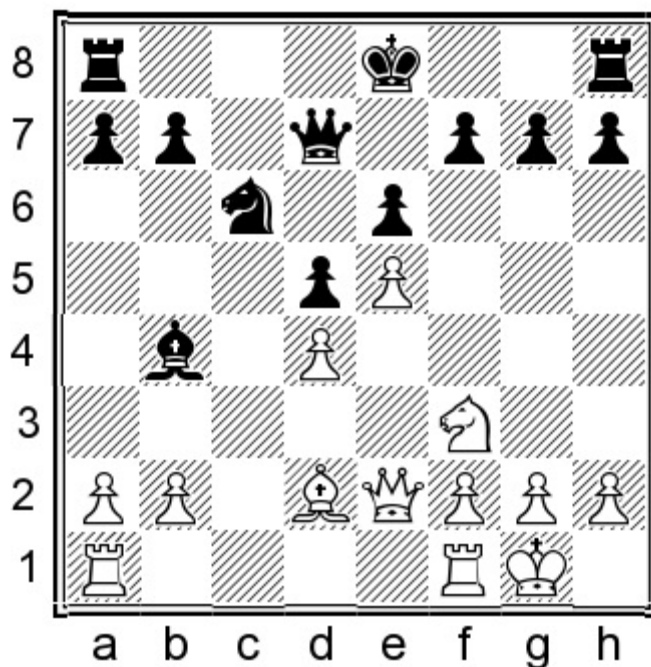
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7.♞d1 g5!? - 117/60

7...e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 ♗e4 11.♗bd2

11.♙e3 ♙e7 12.♗e1 f6 13.f3 ♗g5 14.♗d3 ♗f7 15.f4 O-O= (15...f5 - 114/(61))

11...♖xd2 12.♙xd2 ♙b4!?



13.♙f4N

13.♙xb4; 13.♖ac1

13...O-O 14.♖d3 ♙e7 15.a3 ♖ac8 16.g3 ♖a5 17.b3 ♖c6

17...a6 18.♙d2

18.♙d2 ♖b6 19.♖fb1 a6 20.♙g2 ♖c6 21.♖e1 ♖b5 22.♖b1 ♖c7 23.h4 ♖fc8 24.♖a2

24.h5 h6 25.g4 a5⇌

24...a5

⊃24...♖a5 25.♖g5 (25.♖e3? ♖c4!) 25...♙xg5 26.a4! ♖b6 27.hxg5 ♖c6 28.♖h1 g6 29.♖h4 a5!∞ Δ Qa6

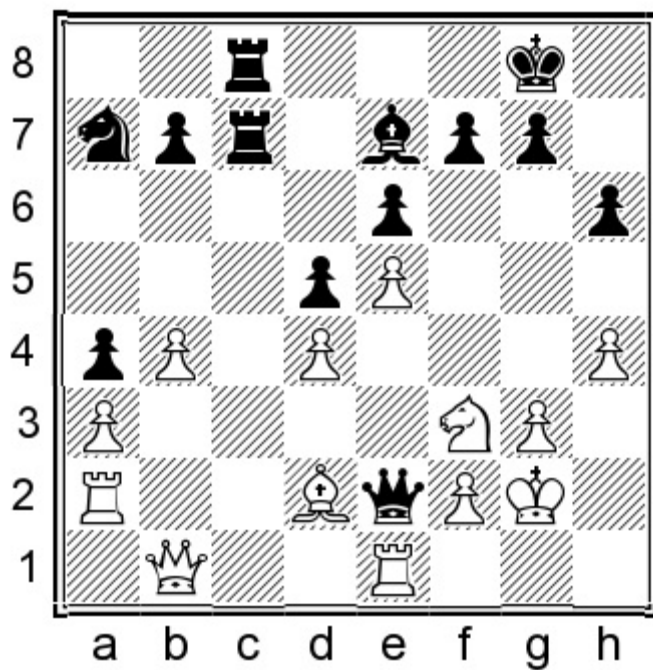
25.♖h1 a4 26.b4?

26.♖b2; 26.♖g5

26...h6 27.♙e3? ♖a7 28.♙d2 ♖e2!

28...♖a6

29.♖e1



29. ♔xh6? ♖c2 30. ♗xc2 (30. ♕d2 ♖xa2 31. ♕xa2 ♖c3-+) 30... ♖xc2 31. ♕e3 ♜b5!-+

29... ♕c4?

29... ♕a6! 30. ♖e3 ♜b5 31. ♕d1 ♖c4 32. ♖d3 ♕d8 Δ Bb6, Qa7 (32... ♔f8!? 33. ♖b2 ♔e8)

30. ♖e3 ♜b5

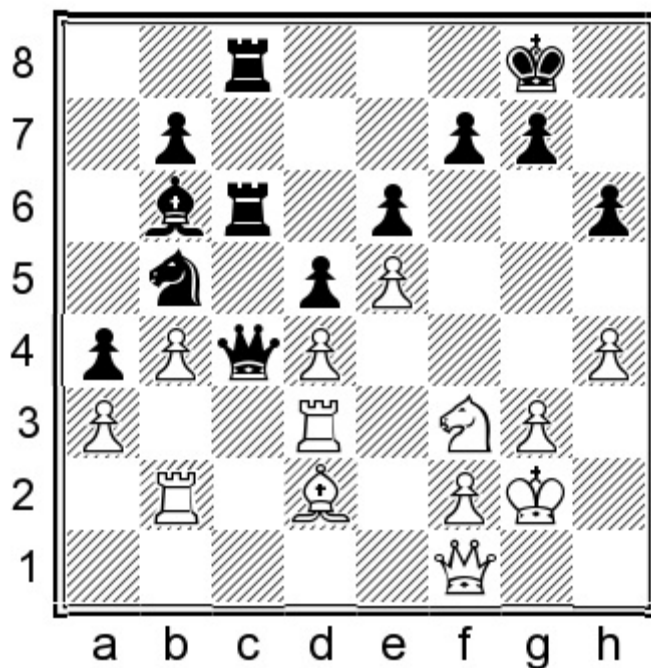
30... ♕a6!

31. ♖d3 ♖c6 [Δ Bd8-b6]

31... ♕c6!

32. ♖b2 ♕d8 33. g4?

33. ♕f1! ♕b6



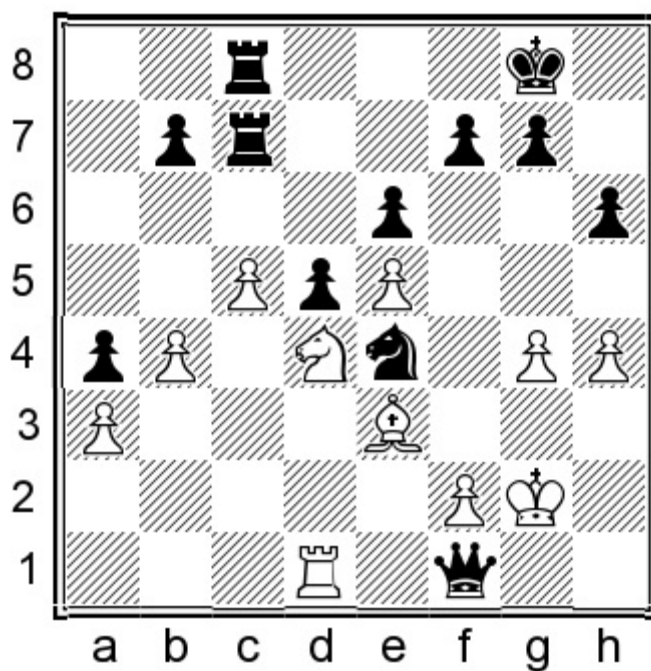
34. ♖b1! Δ Rc1-a1-b1

33... ♙b6 34. ♙e3 ♘c3 35. ♚f1 ♜b5

35... ♞e4!?

36. ♜c2 ♞e4?! 37. ♜xc6?

37. ♜c5! ♙xc5 38. dxc5 ♚c4 39. ♞d4 ♜6c7 40. ♖d1 (40. f3 f6! 41. ♙f4 ♜f7+) 40... ♚xf1+



41. ♜xf1! (Δ f3) (41. ♙xf1 f6 42. ♞xe6 ♜e7 43. ♞f4 ♜d8+) 41... f6 42. f3 fxe5 43. ♞b5 ♞f6 44. ♞xc7 ♜xc7 45. ♙f2

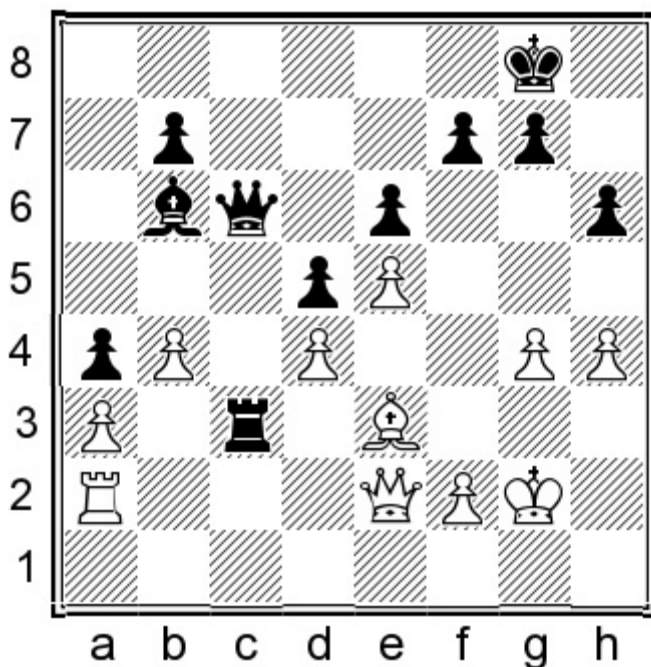
37...♖xc6 38.♞d1? ♖c4??

38...♜xf1+ 39.♞xf1 ♖c3 40.♞c1 (40.♞a1 ♖b3 41.h5 ♔h7 ♠g5-+) 40...♞xa3 41.♞c8+ ♔h7 42.♞b8 ♞b3! 43.♞xb7 ♞xb4-+; 38...♞c3-+

39.♞d2 ♞xd2 40.♞xd2 ♜c6 41.♜e2 ♖c3?

41...♞c1 42.g5? hxg5 43.hxg5 ♜c4-+

42.♞a2??



42.g5 hxg5 43.hxg5 ♜c4 (43...♞xa3 44.♞d1) 44.♜g4 ♖c1 45.♞d1 ♞xd1 46.♜xd1=

42...♞d8!?

42...♜c4

43.g5

43.h5 ♞g5!? (43...b5!)

43...hxg5 44.hxg5 ♜c4-+ 45.♜xc4 dxc4?!

45...♞xc4-+

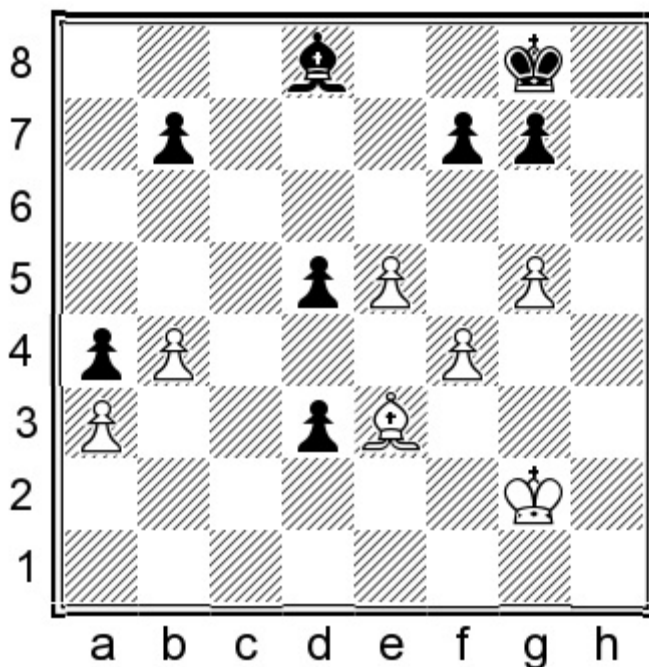
46.d5

46.♔f3 ♞xg5!; 46.♞d2 ♞xa3 47.d5 ♞d3-+

46...exd5 47.♞d2 ♞d3?

47...♞xa3 48.♞xd5 ♞d3 49.♞c5 a3 50.♞c8 ♔h7-+

48.♖xd3 cxd3 49.f4



49...♗f8?

49...f6!

50.♗f3?

50.♗f2; 50.♗f1 f6 (50...♗e7 51.♗e1 ♗e6 52.♗d2 ♗f5 53.♗xd3=) 51.exf6 gxf6 52.♗e1 d4 53.♗c1! fxg5 54.fxg5 ♗f7 55.♗f4 ♗g6 56.♗d2 ♗f5 57.g6=

50...♗e7?

50...f6!-+

51.♗c5+ ♗e6 52.♗e3= ♗f5 53.♗xd3 g6

53...♗xf4?? 54.g6!+-

54.♗e3

54.♗e3!? ♗g4 55.♗d4 ♗e7 56.♗b6=

54...♗c7 55.b5 [×a3]

55.♗d4 ♗b6+ 56.♗d3 ♗xe3 57.♗xe3 d4+ 58.♗xd4 ♗xf4 59.b5 ♗xg5 60.♗c5 ♗f5 61.♗b6 g5 62.♗xb7 g4 63.b6 g3 64.♗a6 g2 65.b7 g1=♖ 66.b8=♖=; 55.♗c5!? Δ♗xf4?? 56.♗d6+-

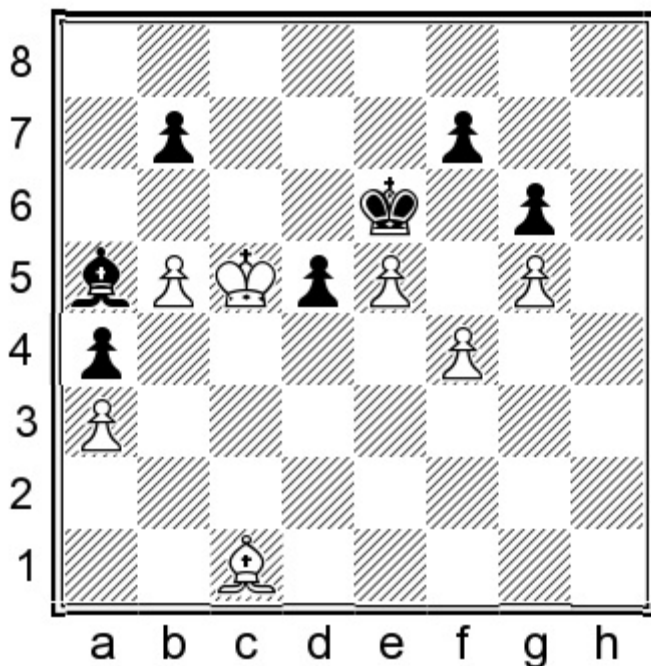
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60...b6!? 61.♗d3 ♗c5 62.♗d4 ♗xa3 63.♗c2!= (63.♗xb6? ♗c1 64.♗c7 a3 (64...♗d7!? 65.b6 ♗c6 66.f5 gxf5-+) 65.b6 ♗d7 (65...a2 66.b7 a1=♖ 67.b8=♖ ♖a6+ 68.♗c2 ♖c6+ 69.♗d1 ♗xf4-+) 66.f5 a2 ♗e6+ fxe6 68.♗e5 ♗f4!-+) Δ63...♗c5?? 64.♗xc5 bxc5 65.b6 ♗d7 66.f5+-

61.♔c5 ♖a5

61...♙e7+!? 62.♕b6?? ♙xa3! 63.♙xa3 d4 64.♕xb7 d3 65.b6 d2 66.♕a8 d1=♚ 67.b7 ♚d5--

62.♙c1??



62.♙d4!=

62...♙c3!--+ 63.b6

63.♕b6 d4 64.♕xb7 d3 65.b6 d2! 66.♙xd2 ♙xd2 67.♕a6 ♙xf4! 68.b7 ♙xe5--

63...d4 64.♕c4 ♕d7

64...♕f5 65.♕d3 ♙a1!

65.♙e3

65.♕d3 ♕e6 66.♕e4 ♙a1 67.♙d2 ♙b2 68.♙b4 ♙c1

65...♙b2

65...dxe3?? 66.♕xc3+-

66.♙xd4 ♙xa3 67.♙e3 ♙b2 68.♕b4 a3 69.♕b3 ♕e6 70.♕a2 ♕d5 71.♕b3 ♕e4 72.♙d2 ♙d4 73.♕xa3 ♙xb6 74.♕b4 ♙f2

74...♙e3?? 75.♙xe3 ♕xe3 76.f5+-

0-1

54. B53

Gavrilescu, David (2470) - Acs, Peter (2565)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♙xd4 ♘f6 5.♙g5 ♘c6

5...a6 - 145/52

6.♙b5 ♙d7 7.♙xc6

7.♙d3 - 145/(52)

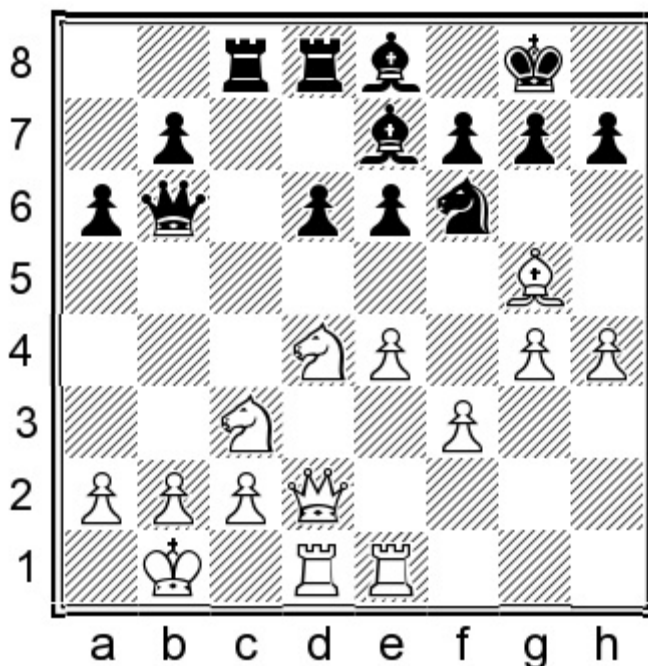
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12...♙c7 - 135/66; 12...♙a6 - 84/163; 12...♖fd8 - 133/73

13.♘d4 ♖fd8

13...♖fc8!? 14.g4 ♙e8 15.h4 ♖c4 16.f3 ♖ac8 17.♘ce2 (17.♚a1 ♙a6 18.♘ce2 b5 19.c3 ♙b7⇌) 17...d5
18.e5 ♙a3 19.c3 ♘d7 20.♙f4 a5 21.h5 ♙f8∞

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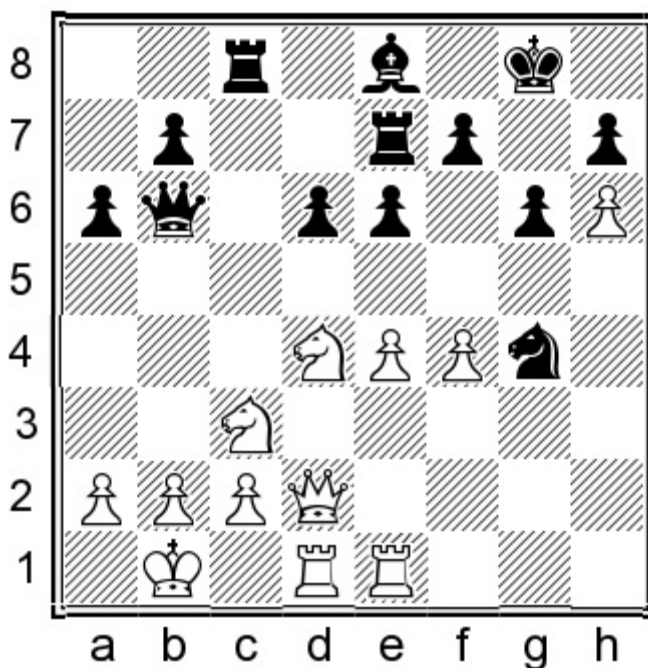


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(17.♘ce2 ♖dc8 18.♘g3?! ♙a4 19.b3 d5↑) 17...♙a6 18.g5 ♘h5 19.f4 ♖dc8 20.f5 ♖xc3!? 21.bxc3 e5
22.♘b3 g6∞

17.♘ce2N [Δ Ng3-h5]

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23.♖g1 d5!? 24.exd5 ♙d6⇌) 18...♘h5 19.♙f2 (19.f4 b5 20.a3 d5 21.exd5 b4 22.axb4 ♙xb4 23.♘de2
♙b8⇌; 19.♙e2 b5 20.a3 g6∞) 19...b5 20.f4 b4 21.♘ce2 g6 22.♖c1 ♙b7 23.♘g3 ♘xg3 24.♙xg3 ♙xe4
25.h5 ♙f8∞; 17.h5! ♖d7 (17...h6 18.♙e3 ♙c7 19.g5! hxg5 20.♙xg5 ♘xh5 21.♖h1! ♙xg5 22.♙xg5 f6

23. ♖g4 ♕d7 24. ♜xe6+-; 17... ♖xc3 18. ♕xc3 ♜xe4 19. ♖xe4 ♙xg5 20. f4 d5 21. ♖xe6! fxe6 22. fxg5±;
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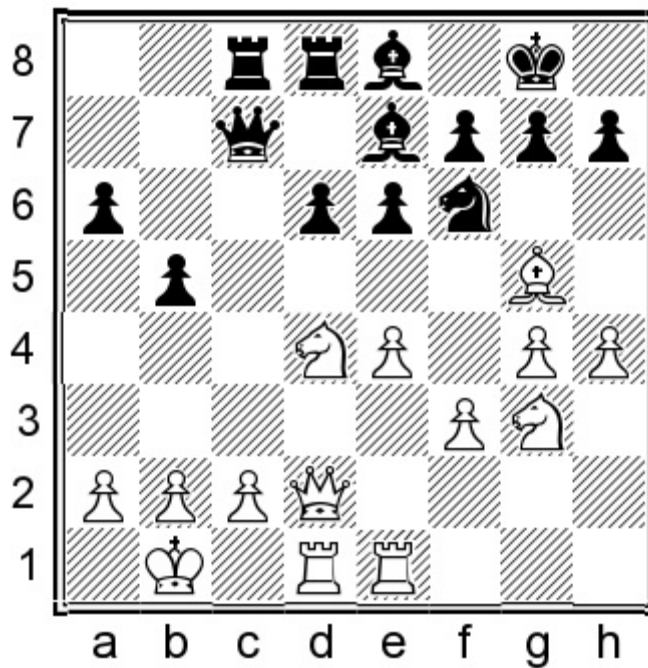


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 28. b3+-) 20. ♕g2 ♖c4 21. ♕e2 b5 22. ♜b3±

17... ♕c7

17... ♖c4 18. ♙e3 (18. ♜g3 d5!±) 18... ♕c7 19. h5 ♖c8 20. h6↑; 17... ♖c5 18. ♜g3 (18. ♙e3 ♕c7 19. h5 ♖c8
 20. h6 g6 21. c3 ♜d7 22. ♜c2 ♖b5!?∞) 18... ♖dc8 (18... d5? 19. e5+-) 19. ♜h5 (19. ♖g1 ♙a4±) 19... ♕d8
 20. ♙xf6 ♙xf6 21. ♜xf6+ ♕xf6 22. g5 ♕e7 23. f4±

18. ♜g3± b5



18...♙b5 19.♗h5 ♜e8 20.♙xe7 ♞xe7 21.♗xb5 axb5 22.g5 ♞c4 23.♗g3 ♜c7 24.h5↑

19.♞g1 ♔f8

⬜19...♗h8 20.♗h5 ♜g8 21.f4 ♙c6 (21...♙xg5? 22.hxg5 e5 23.♗f5 g6 24.♗f6 gxf5 25.♞h2+-; 21...g6?! 22.f5! ♙xg5 23.fxg6 ♙h6 24.g5±) 22.♗xc6 ♞xc6 23.♙xe7 ♜xe7 24.f5 ♜g8 (24...♞xe4 25.♞g5 ♞g8 26.f6±) 25.♞ge1 ♞c5 (25...e5 26.g5 Δ f6) 26.g5 ♞e5 27.fxe6 fxe6 28.♗f4 ♞f8 29.♗d3 ♞g3 30.h5 e5 31.h6 gxh6 32.gxh6 ♞g6 33.♗b4 ♜xh6 34.♞xd6 ♜g4 35.♞xg6 hxg6 36.♞g1 ♞f4 37.♗d5 ♞xe4 38.♗e7 ♞c7 39.♗xg6+ ♔g7 40.♞d6±

20.♗h5 ♜g8 21.♞c1!?

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21...♙xg5 22.hxg5 d5 23.♞b4+?!

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23...♞e7 24.♞xe7+ ♜xe7 25.e5 ♞c4 26.♞cd1 ♜c6 27.♗xc6 ♙xc6 28.♗g3 d4 29.♞d3 ♙d5

⬜29...♞d5 30.♞e1 ♞dc5 31.♞e2 b4↗

30.♗e2 ♞c5

30...♔e7!? 31.b3 ♞c5 32.♗xd4 ♙b7 33.♞e1 ♞cd5 34.♞ed1 b4 35.a3 a5 36.f4 h6 37.gxh6 gxh6 38.axb4 axb4 39.f5 (39.♔b2 ♔e8 40.♔c1 ♞a5 41.♗e2 ♞a1+ 42.♔d2 ♞xd3+ 43.cxd3 ♞a3 44.♗c1 ♙d5↗) 39...exf5 40.♗xf5+ ♔e6 41.♞xd5 ♞xd5 42.♞h1 ♞d2 43.♞xh6+ ♔xe5↗

31.♗xd4 ♞dc8 32.b3 b4 33.♔b2 a5 34.a3 ♙b7 35.♞e1 ♙a6

⬚35...♖d5 36.axb4 axb4 37.f4 ♜cd8 38.♞ed1 ♔a6 39.♞3d2 ♕e8 40.c3±

36.♞d2 ♖d5 37.axb4 axb4 38.♞a1! ♔b7 39.♞a7 ♜c7 40.f4 ♜cd7 41.c3 bxc3+ 42.♕xc3 ♜c5+ 43.♕b2 ♜cd5 44.♞a4± h6 45.gxh6

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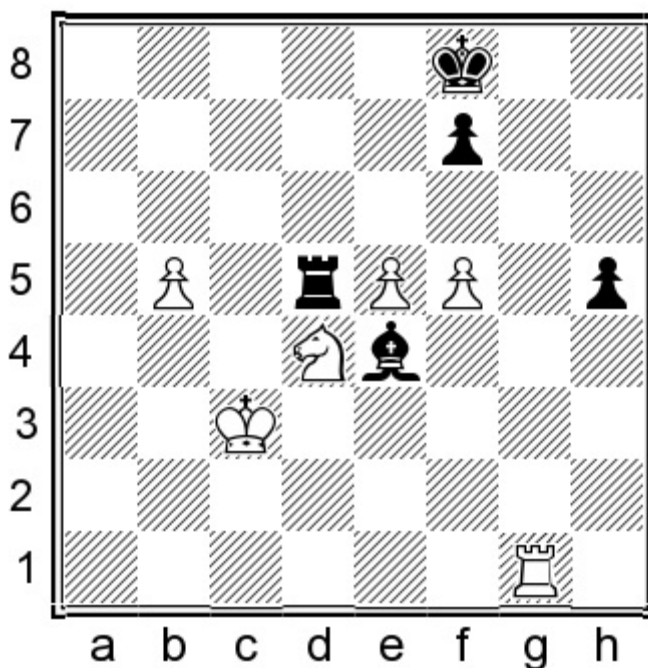
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54.b5 ♔h3 55.♞a6 Δ♔xg4 56.b6+-

54...exf5 55.gxf5 h5 56.♞a1 ♔g2 57.♞g1 ♔e4 58.b5

58.f6 ♜c8+ 59.♕d2 ♜c4 60.♕e3 ♔d5 61.b5+-

58...♞d5



59.♞g5?!

59.e6! fxe6 60.fxe6 ♕e7 (60...h4 61.♞g4+-) 61.♞e1 ♜c5+ 62.♕b4 ♜e5 63.b6+-

59...h4?

59...♞xe5 60.♞xh5 ♕e8 61.♕b4 ♖d5 62.♕c4 ♜e5 63.b6 ♔b7±

60.f6+- h3 61.♞h5 ♕e8

61...♕g8 62.♔c6+-

62.♕c4 ♔g2 63.b6 1-0

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♘f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♙b5!?

6.f3 - 147/50

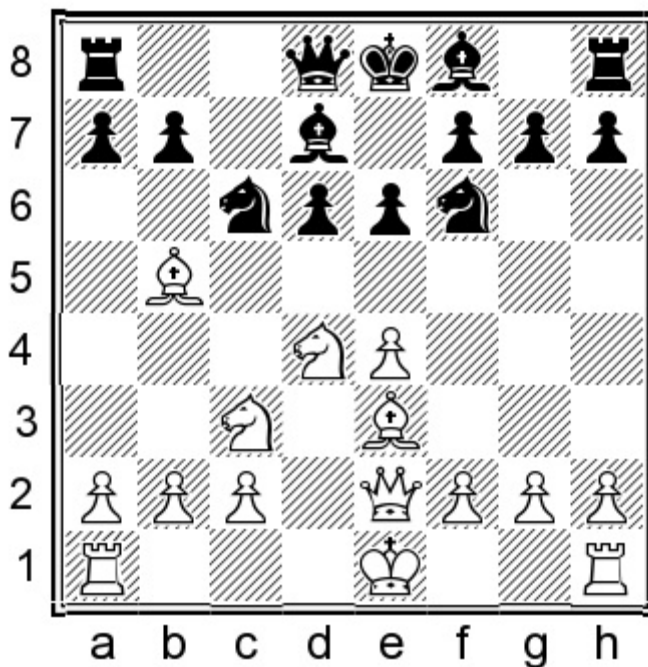
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7.♙g5 e6 - 62

7...e6

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8.♙e2



8...♗xd4N

8...♙c7 9.O-O-O (9.g4!? a6 10.g5 ♗xd4 11.♙xd7+ ♗xd7 12.♙xd4 b5 13.O-O-O ♙c8 14.a3 ♙c4 15.♙hg1!? ♙xe2 16.♗xe2 h6 17.g6±) 9...♙e7 10.g4 a6 11.♙xc6 ♙xc6 12.f3 ♗d7 (12...O-O 13.g5 ♗d7

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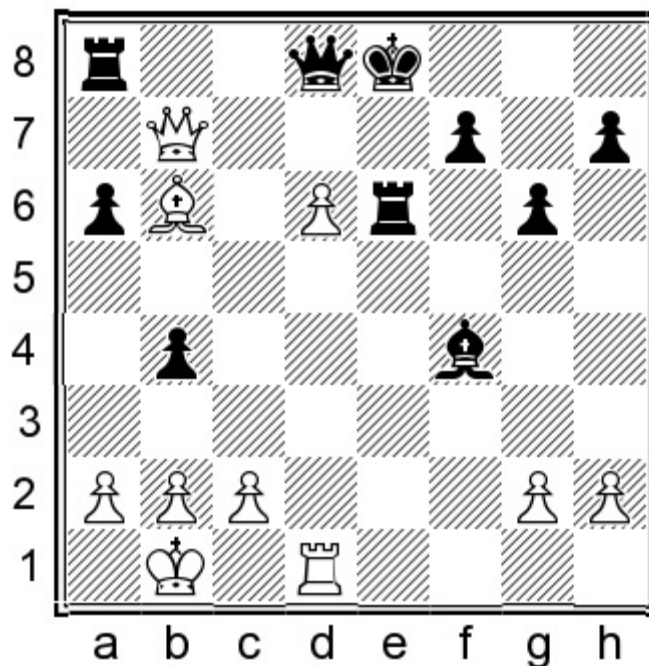
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13.♙d5!?

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13...exd5

13...♖b7 14.♗h5! b4 (14...O-O-O 15.♘e3! ♕xe4 16.♙c3↑) 15.♞d3 ♞c8 16.♔b1 ♜c5 17.♞f3→

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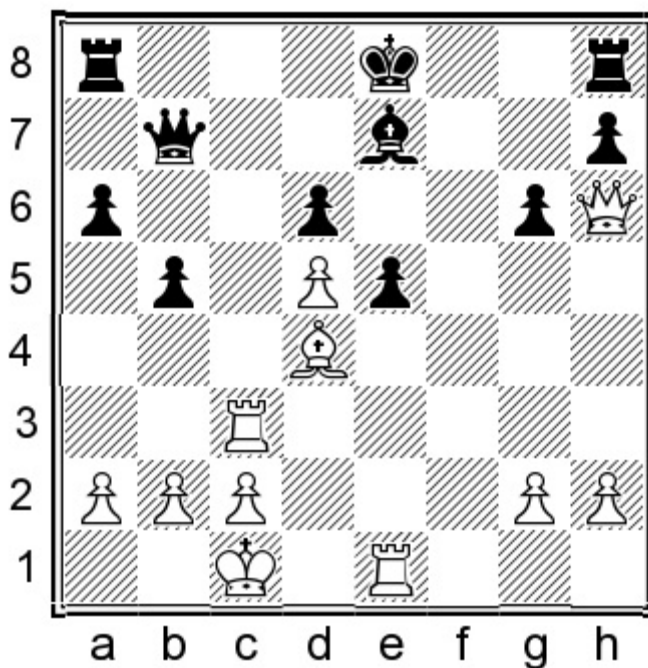
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17.♞c3 ♗b8?!

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18.fxe5± dxe5

18...fxe5 19.♗h5+ g6 20.♗h6 ♗b7



21.♙xe5! dxe5 22.♞xe5 ♔f7 23.♞f3+ ♔g8 24.♞e6 ♙f8□ 25.♞xg6+ hxg6 26.♗xg6+ ♗g7 27.♗e6+ ♔h7 28.♞h3+ ♗h6+ 29.♔b1! (29.♞xh6+?! ♙xh6+ 30.♔b1 ♞he8 31.♗f5+ ♔h8 32.a3 ♙g7 33.♗h5+ ♔g8 34.h4 ♞ac8∞) 29...♙g7 30.♞xh6+ ♙xh6 31.♗f5+ ♔g7 32.a3 ♞hf8 33.♗g4+ ♔h7 34.d6 ♞ad8 35.♗e6 ♙f4 36.d7 ♔g7 37.♗e7+ ♔g6 38.h4±

19.♗h5+ ♔f8

19...g6 20.♗h6 ♙f8 (20...♗b7 21.♗g7 ♞f8 22.d6+-) 21.♗h3 ♙e7 22.♞c6±

20.♞xe5?!

20.♔xe5! fxe5 21.♖f1+ ♕f6 22.♝c6! ♜d8 23.♞g4! ♜b8 24.d6 ♜e8 25.♝c7 ♞g6 26.♞e6 ♜d8 27.♗b1 h5 28.♝c8+-

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22.♔xe5? ♜b6! 23.b3 ♜d8-+

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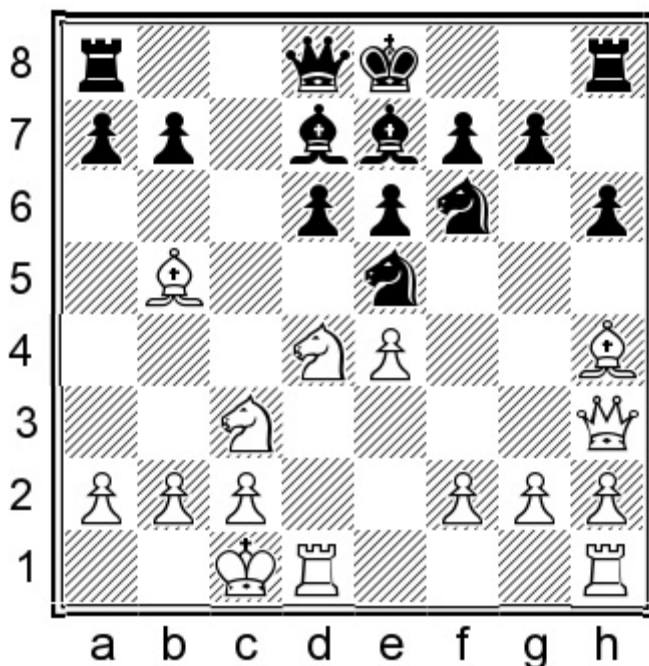
56. * B62

Zawadzka, Jolanta (2403) - Alboredo, Julia (2182)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/56, 2021

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8...h6 9.♔h4 ♘e5!? 10.♞h3 (10.♞e2 g5 11.♔g3 a6 12.♔xd7+ ♘fxd7∞) 10...♔e7 11.O-O-O

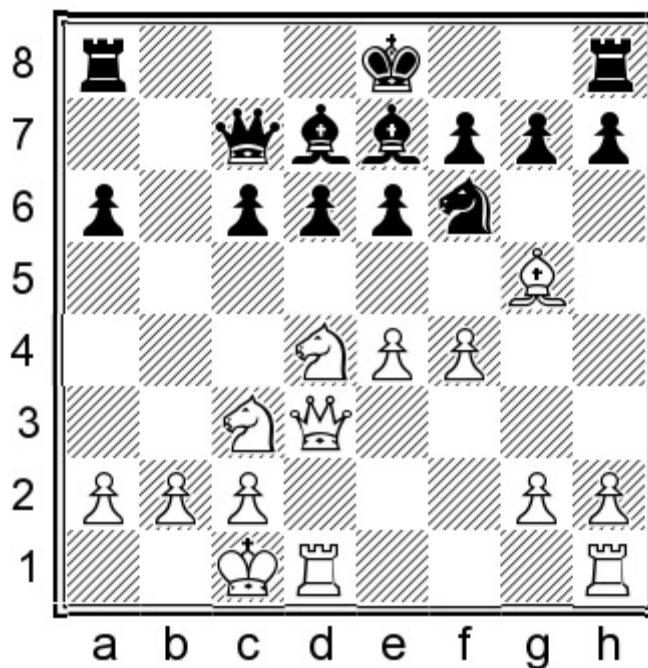


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9.O-O-O ♞c7?!

9...O-O 10.♔xc6! bxc6 11.♘b3! d5 (11...♘e8 - 145/(53)) 12.e5 ♘g4 13.♔xe7 ♞xe7 14.♞d4±

10.f4 a6 11.♔xc6 bxc6



12. ♖b3N

12. ♖f3 - 149/59; 12. ♖he1!

12...e5 13. ♖hf1 h6 14. fxe5?!

14. ♖xf6 gxf6± (14... ♖xf6 15. ♖xd6 ♖xd6 16. ♖xd6 exf4 17. ♖c5±)

14...dxe5 15. ♖e3 ♖g4= 16. ♖d2 a5 17. ♖c5 ♖d8 18. ♖c4 ♖xd2 19. ♖xd2 O-O 20. h3 ♖c8 21. ♖3a4 ♖d7 22. ♖b3 c5!?

22... ♖a7=

23. ♖xa5 ♖b6 24. ♖xb6 ♖xb6= 25. ♖c3 ♖g6

25... ♖e6=; 25... ♖d8=

26. ♖f3 f5

26... ♖a6=

27. exf5 ♖xf5?!

27... ♖xf5

28. ♖e2± ♖a6 29. ♖c4 ♖xf1+ 30. ♖xf1 ♖e4 31. b3 ♖d4 32. c3 ♖d5 33. ♖e3 ♖c6 34. c4+- ♖g5 35. ♖f2 e4 36. ♖d5 ♖g6 37. h4 ♖xd2+ 38. ♖xd2 ♖d6 39. ♖f4 ♖d8 40. ♖xe4 ♖b7 41. ♖c2 ♖h8 42. a4 ♖f8 43. ♖f3 ♖d8 44. g3 ♖e8 45. ♖e3 ♖g6+ 46. ♖b2 ♖xd5 47. cxd5 ♖f6+ 48. ♖a2 ♖g6 49. ♖xc5 ♖xg3 50. d6 ♖g2+ 51. ♖a3 ♖f1 52. d7 ♖a1+ 53. ♖b4 ♖e1+ 54. ♖b5 ♖e2+ 55. ♖b6 ♖e6+ 56. ♖c7 1-0

57. !N B62

Prusikin, Michael (2547) - Burri, Quentin (2412)

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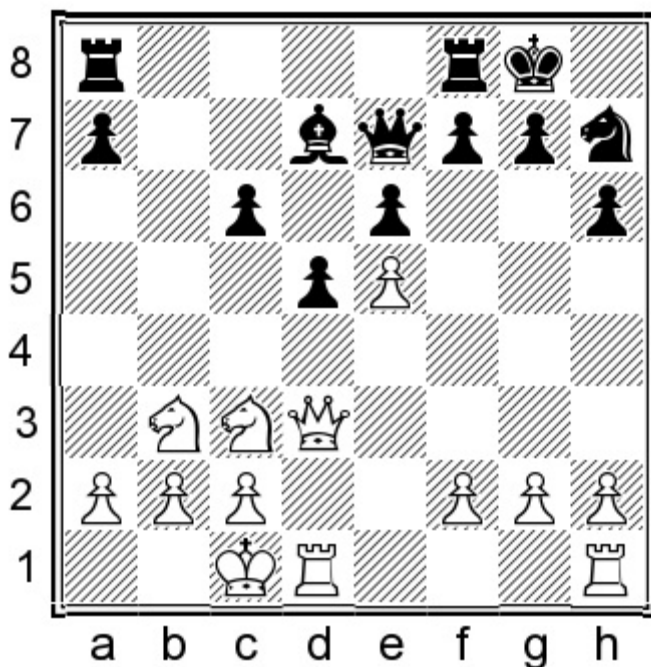
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10.♙h4 O-O 11.♙xc6 bxc6 12.♗b3 d5

12...a5 - 145/(53)

13.e5 ♗h7

13...♗e8 14.♙xe7 ♚xe7 15.♚d4 (- 145/(53)) 15...f6 16.exf6! ♚xf6 17.♚xf6 gxf6 18.♚he1 e5 19.f4!±

14.♙xe7 ♚xe7



15.♚d4!N

15.♚e3?! f6 16.f4 fxe5 17.fxe5 ♙e8= (17...♚f5 18.h4± - 145/53)

15...f6 16.♚he1 ♗g5

16...fxe5 17.♚xe5±

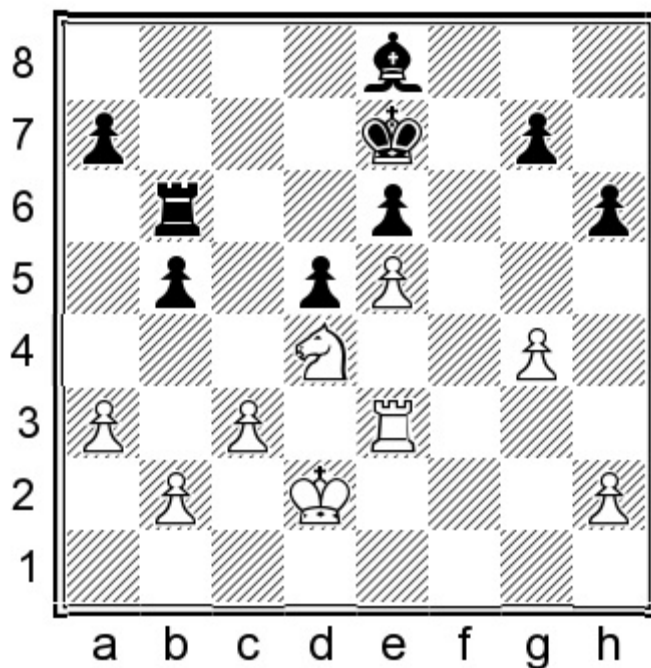
17.f4 ♗f7 18.♚c5!?

18.exf6 gxf6 19.♗e4 e5 20.♗ec5±

18...♚fe8?!

18...♚d8

19.♚xe7 ♚xe7 20.♗a4 fxe5 21.fxe5 ♚b8 22.♗ac5± ♗d8 23.♚d4 ♙e8 24.♗d2 ♚b6 25.c3 ♗b7
26.♚b4! ♗xc5 27.♗xc5 ♚b5 28.♚xb5 cxb5 29.♚f1 ♙f7 30.♗b3 ♚b7 31.a3 ♚b6 32.♗d4 ♗f8 33.♚f4
♗e7 34.♚g4 ♗f8 35.♗b3 ♙h5 36.♚g3 ♚c6 37.♗d4 ♚b6 38.♚e3 ♗e7 39.♚g3 ♗f8 40.♚e3 ♗e7 41.g4!
♙e8



42.g5?!

42.♖g3 ♔f7 43.h4 ♔e7 44.h5 ♙f7 45.♕e3 ♙e8 46.g5 hxg5 47.♖xg5+-

42...hxg5?

42...h5!±

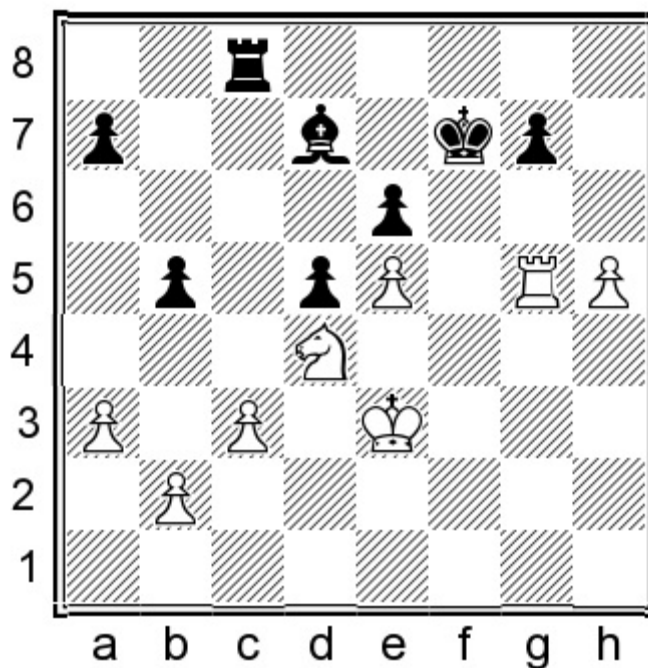
43.♖g3 ♙d7 44.♖xg5 ♔f7 45.h4 ♖b8 46.h5 ♖h8

46...a5 47.b3!+-

47.♕e3 ♖h7 48.♘e2 ♖h8 49.♘f4 ♖c8 50.♘e2?!

50.♘g6 ♖c4 51.♖g3 ♖e4+ 52.♔f2 ♔e8 53.♖f3 ♔d8 54.♖f7+-

50...♖c4 51.♘d4 ♖c8



51...a5 52.♖g1 b4 53.cxb4 axb4 54.b3 ♖c3+ 55.♔d2 ♜h3 56.axb4+-

52.♔f4?

52.♖g3! a5 53.♔d3 ♜h8 54.♘f3!! ♜xh5 55.♔d4+-

52...♜h8?!

52...a5!

53.♔g4 ♜h6?

53...a5 54.♔h4 b4 55.axb4 axb4 56.cxb4 ♖b8 57.♖g4 ♜xb4 58.♜f4+ ♔e8 59.♘xe6 ♜xf4+ 60.♘xf4 d4 61.♔g3 ♔e7 62.♔f3 ♕c6+ 63.♔e2 ♕b5+ 64.♔d2 ♕c4=

54.♔h4 g6 55.♘e2! ♜xh5+?!

55...gxh5 56.♘f4 ♜h7 57.♜xh5 ♜g7 58.♜h8 ♜g1 59.♜a8+-

56.♜xh5 gxh5 57.♔xh5 ♔g7 58.♔g5 a6 59.♘f4 ♕c8 60.♘h5+ ♔f7 61.♔h6 ♕b7 62.b4 ♕c6 63.♘f4 ♕e8 64.♘h3 ♔e7 65.♔g7 ♕h5 66.♘f4 ♕g4 67.♘g6+ 1-0

58. * B62

Perunovic, Milos (2567) - Martin Duque, Jesus (2444)

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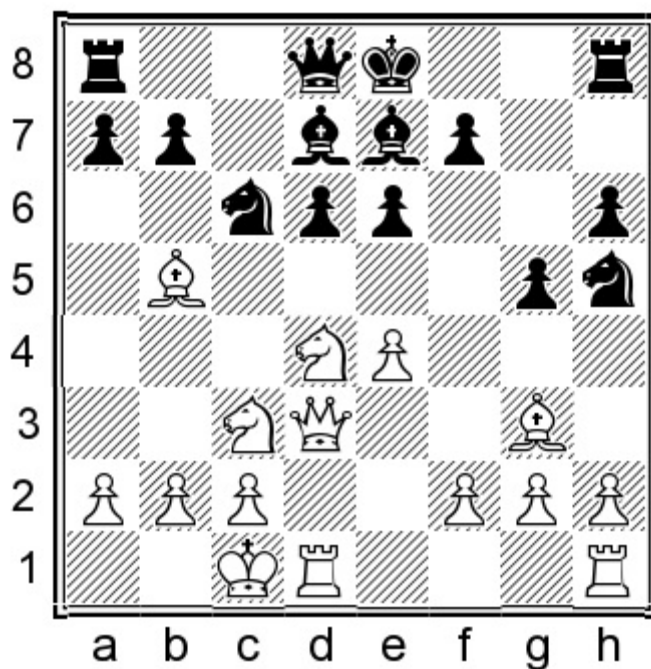
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8...♘xd4 - 146/59

9.♕h4 ♕e7 10.O-O-O g5

10...O-O - 145/53

11.♙g3 ♜h5?



11...♞e5 12.♙xe5 (12.♚e2 a6 13.♙xd7+ ♞fxd7∞; 12.♚d2!? a6 13.♙e2 b5 14.a3∞) 12...dxe5
13.♙xd7+ ♚xd7 (13...♞xd7 14.♞db5 a6 15.♞d6+ ♙xd6 16.♚xd6±) 14.♞f3±

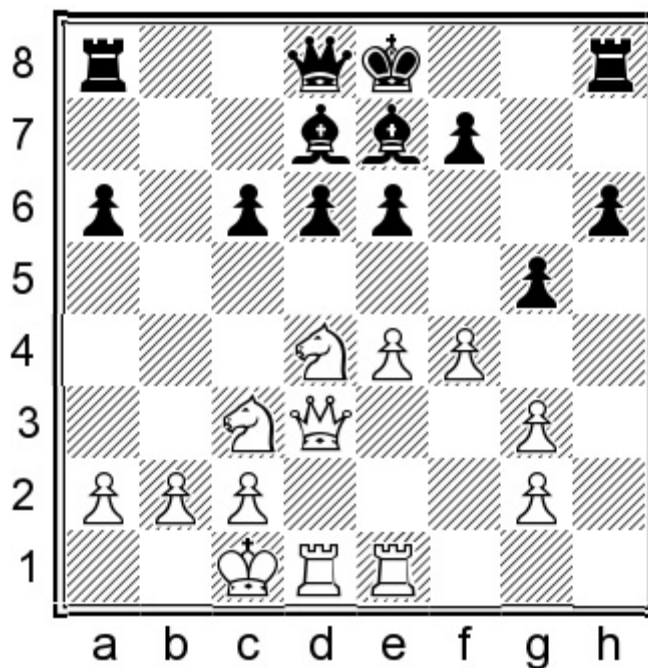
12.♞he1N

12.♙xc6 - 149/(58) 12...bxc6 13.♞b3 ♞xg3 14.hxg3 ♚b6 15.♚e2 (15.f4±) 15...♞b8∞ Tadic,S (2416)-
Todorovic,G (2406) Beograd 149/(58) 2021

12...♞xg3 13.hxg3 a6

13...♞e5 14.♚e2 a6 15.♙xd7+ ♚xd7 16.f4 ♞c6 17.♞xc6 ♚xc6 18.♚h5±

14.♙xc6 bxc6 15.f4



15...♔b6??

15...c5 16.♘b3 (16.♘xe6!? fxe6 (16...♙xe6 17.f5 ♙d7 18.e5+-) 17.e5 ♔f8□ (17...♔f7? 18.f5! exf5 19.g4! fxg4 20.♘d5+-) 18.exd6 ♙f6 19.♘e4→) 16...♔c7 17.♘d2±; 15...♔c7 16.e5 d5 17.f5±

16.♘f5! exf5 17.exf5 ♖b8 18.♖xe7+! ♔xe7 19.♔xd6+ ♔e8 20.♔e5+ 1-0

59. B62

Perunovic, Milos (2567) - Vatsal, Singhania (2371)
Beograd 149/59, 2021

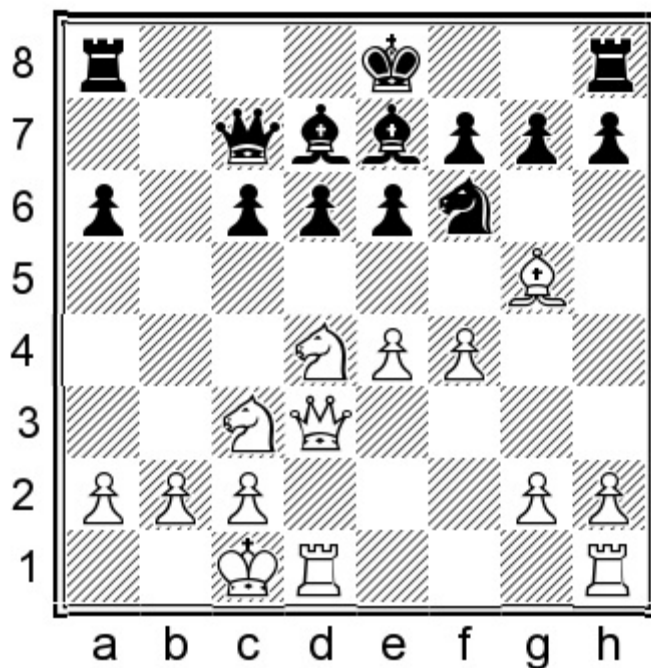
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8...♘xd4 - 146/59

9.♙xc6 bxc6 10.O-O-O ♔c7?

10...h6

11.f4 ♙e7



12. ♖f3N

12. ♖he1! h6 (12...c5 13.e5! dxe5 14.fxe5 cxd4 15.exf6 dxc3 16.fxe7 f6 (16...cxb2+ 17.♔b1 f6 18.♙f4 ♖b7 19.♙d2+-) 17.♔b1! fxg5 18.♙d4 ♖g8 19.♙e3! ♖b7 20.♙xc3+-) 13.♙h4 c5 (13...g5 14.fxg5 ♘g4 15.♘f3! (15.♙d2) 15...♘e5 16.♘xe5 dxe5 17.♙d2 ♖g8 18.♙f1 hxg5 19.♙g3 ♙d8 20.♙e2±; 13...e5 14.♘f5 ♙xf5 15.exf5±) 14.♘f3±

12...d5 13.f5?!

13.e5 ♘g8 14.f5! exf5 15.♖he1 ♙xg5+ 16.♘xg5 ♘e7∞; 13.♔b1! ♘xe4 (13...h6 14.♙h4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 dxe4 16.♙xe4 ♙xh4 17.♘xh4 O-O 18.♘f3 c5 19.♘e5±) 14.♘xe4 dxe4 15.♙xe4 f6 16.♙h4 ♙b8 17.♙e1!±

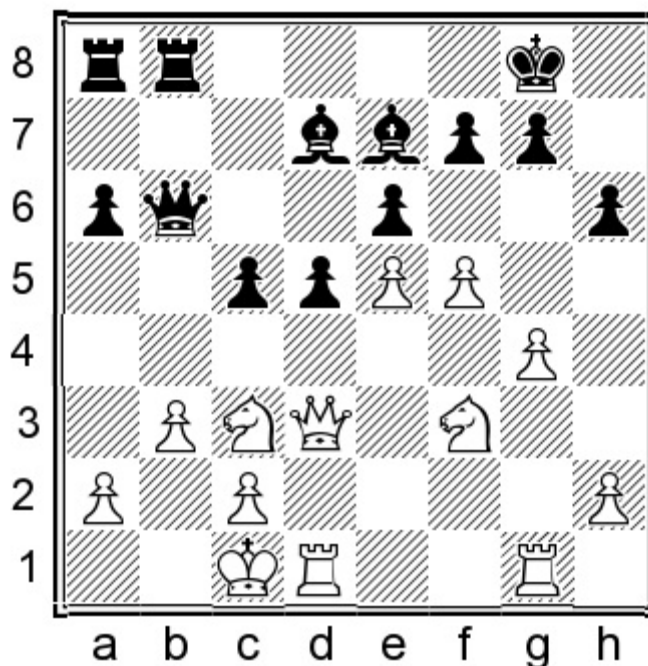
13...h6 14.♙xf6?!

14.♙h4 dxe4 (14...♙f4+ 15.♔b1 dxe4 16.♙c4 ♙xf5 17.♙xf6 gxf6 18.♘xe4→) 15.♘xe4 ♙f4+ 16.♘ed2 exf5 (16...♙xf5 17.♙e2∞) 17.g3 ♙a4 18.♖he1∞

14...♙xf6 15.♖he1 O-O 16.e5 ♙e7 17.g4 ♙fb8?!

17...♙ab8!∞

18.♙g1 ♙b6 19.b3 c5



20.f6?

20.g5! c4 21.♖d2 cxb3 (21...♙c5 22.♘d4 cxb3 23.axb3±) 22.cxb3! (22.axb3 ♖a5 23.♙b1 ♙b4 24.gxh6 ♙xc3 25.♖xg7+ ♙h8 26.♖h7+ ♙xh7 27.♘g5+ ♙h8 28.♘xf7+ ♙h7 29.♘g5+ ♙h8=) 22...♙c5 23.♙b2! (23.gxh6!? ♙e3 24.♖xg7+ ♙h8 (24...♙f8?? 25.f6 ♙xd2+ 26.♖xd2+-) 25.♘g5 ♙xd2+ 26.♖xd2 ♙e8 27.♖h7+ ♙g8 28.♖g7+=; 23.♙b1 ♙e3 24.♖g2 ♖c8 25.♖d3 ♖c7∞) 23...♙e3 24.♖g2→

20...gxf6??

20...c4! 21.♖d2 ♙c5 22.♘d4 cxb3 23.axb3 ♖b4 24.♙b1 (24.fxg7? ♖a3+ 25.♙b1 ♙xd4 26.♖xd4 ♖b4 27.♖e3 ♖ab8-+) 24...♖a3 (24...g5!? 25.h4 a5 26.♘ce2 (26.hxg5? a4 27.gxh6 axb3 28.cxb3 ♖a3-+) 26...♖xd2 27.♖xd2 ♙b5) 25.♘ce2 ♖b5 26.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 27.♘xc1 gxf6 28.exf6 ♙xd4 29.♖xd4 e5 30.♖d2 d4

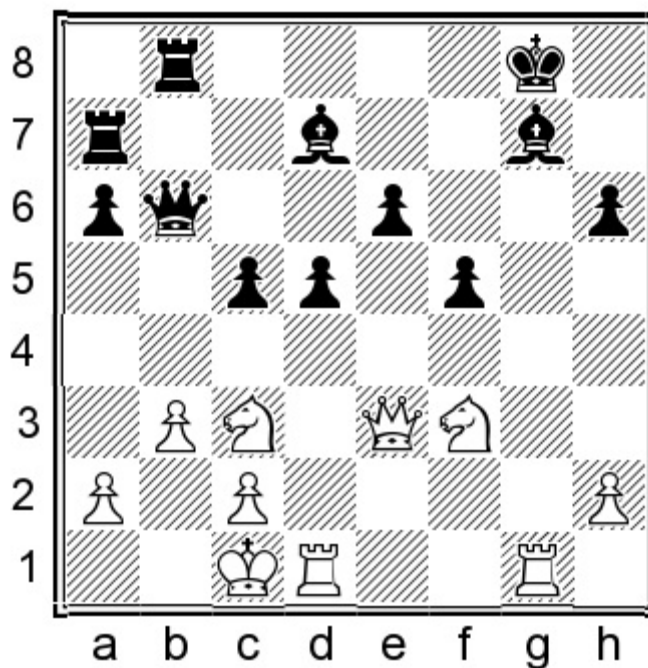
21.exf6 ♙xf6

21...c4 22.♖d2 ♙c5 (22...cxb3 23.axb3 ♙xf6 24.g5 ♙h8 25.g6+-) 23.♖de1 ♙h7 24.♘g5+ ♙g8 25.♘xf7! ♙xf7 26.♖xh6+-

22.g5 ♙h8

22...hxg5 23.♘xg5 ♙xg5+ 24.♖xg5+ ♙f8 25.♖h7+-

23.g6 f5 24.g7 ♙xg7 25.♖e3 ♖a7



25...♖d8 26.♗xh6 ♗f8 27.♝xg7+ ♗xg7 28.♞g1+-

26.♜xd5! ♗a5

26...exd5 27.♗e7+-

27.♝xg7+ ♜xg7 28.♞g1+ ♜f7 29.♜e5+ 1-0

60. * !N B67

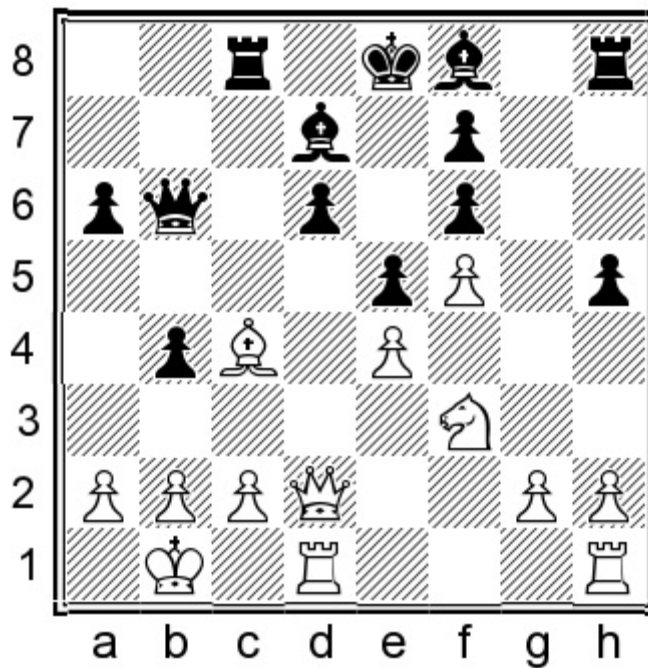
Grischuk, Alexander (2776) - Lupulescu, Constantin (2656)
Bucuresti 149/60, 2021

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10.♞xf6 gxf6 11.♜b1 ♗b6

11...b4 - 144/49

12.♜xc6

12.♜ce2 b4 (12...♞c8 - 143/56) 13.f5 (13.♗e1 ♞c8 14.♜xc6 ♞xc6 15.♜d4 ♞b7 16.f5 e5 17.♜f3 ♞g8
18.♗h4 ♜e7∞; 13.g3 ♞c8 14.♞g2 a5 15.♞he1 a4±; 13.g4!? h5 (13...♞g8 14.h3±) 14.g5 fxg5 15.fxg5
Δ♞c8 16.g6! fxg6 17.♜xc6 ♗xc6 18.♜d4 ♗c5 19.e5!↑) 13...♜xd4 14.♜xd4 e5 15.♜f3 (15.♜b3 ♞c6
16.♞c4 ♞xe4 17.♞d5 ♞xd5 18.♗xd5 ♞c8 19.♜d2 ♞g8 20.♜e4 ♞e7 21.g3 a5∞ Δ Kf8-g7; 15.♜e2 h5
16.h4 (16.♜c1 ♞c8 17.♗d3 a5 18.♜b3 ♞c6 19.♞e2 h4±) 16...♜e7 17.♜g3 ♞h6 18.♗d5 (18.♗e2 ♗c5
19.♜xh5 ♞b5 20.♗f3 ♞ac8 21.♗b3 ♞c6∞ ↑) 18...♗c6∞) 15...h5 (15...♞c8 16.g4!? a5 17.g5; 15...♞c6
16.♞d3 h5 17.♞he1 ♗c5 18.♗e2 a5 19.♞c4 ♞c8 20.♜d2 h4 21.♜b3 ♗b6 22.♜c1 ♜e7 23.♗d3 ♞e8!?
∞) 16.♞c4 ♞c8



17.♞d5N (17.♞e2 ♟h6!? (17...a5 18.♞d5!? (Δ Bb5) 18...♞c5 19.♟d2± Δ Nf1-e3) 18.♟xa6 ♞c5 19.♟c4 ♟e7 20.♞d5 (20.♟d2 ♞a8⇒ 21.♞xh5 ♞xc4! 22.♟xc4 ♞a6 23.♞xh6 ♞xc4 24.b3 ♞a6 25.a4 ♟xa4! 26.♟b2 ♟xb3! 27.♞a1 ♟a2! 28.♞e3 ♞a4 29.♞hc1 ♟f8 30.♞h6+ ♟e7=) 20...♟c6 21.♞xc5 ♞xc5) 17...♞h7 18.♟d2 ♟c6 19.♞d3 a5= 20.♟d5 ♟b5 21.♟c4 ♟c6 22.♟d5 ♟b5 23.♟c4 ♟d7!? (23...♟c6=) 24.♞he1 a4 25.♟f1 (25.♟d5 ♟b5 26.♟c4 ♞c5 27.b3 ♟e7∞) 25...♟h6! 26.b3 ♟e7 27.♞e2 h4⇒ Radjabov,T (2765)-Lupulescu,C (2656) Bucuresti 149/(60) 2021

12...♟xc6 13.f5

13.♞e1 - 142/60

13...b4

13...♞c5 - 144/48

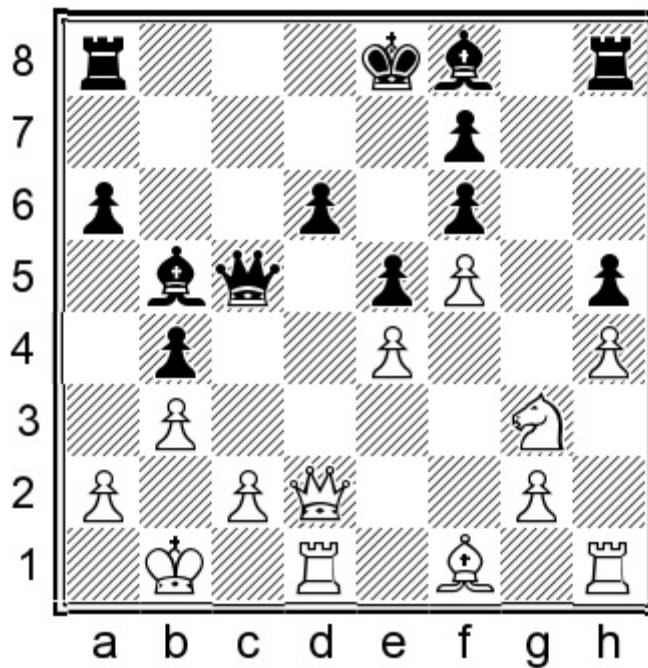
14.♟e2 e5 15.♟g3 ♞c5

15...h5 16.♟e2 (16.♟c4!? - 138/88) 16...h4 17.♟h5 ♟e7 18.♟f3 a5⇒

16.b3 h5

16...a5 17.♟h5 (17.♟c4 h5 18.h4 Δ ♟b5 19.♟xb5+ ♞xb5 20.♞f2!? ♞a6 21.♞d5 a4 22.♞hd1±) 17...♟e7 18.♟c4 ♞g8 19.♞e2 a4 (19...♟h6? 20.♟xf6! ♟xf6 21.♞h5 ♟g7 22.♞d3 ♟e3 23.♞xf7+ ♟h8 24.♞f6+ ♞g7 25.♞xd6 ♟g5 26.♞xc6 ♟xf6 27.♞xc5+-) 20.♟g3 (20.g4 axb3 21.♟xb3 ♟b5 22.♞e1 ♟c4 (22...♞xg4?! 23.♞d5±) 23.♞d2 ♞a6 24.♞hg1 ♟g7 25.♞g3 ♞ga8⇒) 20...axb3 (20...♞g5 21.♞d3 Δ Rhd1) 21.cxb3 (21.♟xb3 ♟b5 22.♞h5 ♟c4 23.♞d5 ♞c7⇒ 24.♞b5? ♞g5⇒) 21...♟h6 22.♞h5 ♞g7 23.♞he1 (23.♞xh6? ♞xg3+-) 23...♞a7 24.♞e2 ♟f4∞

17.h4 ♟b5



17...♙h6 18.♚xd6 ♚xd6 19.♞xd6 ♞d8 20.♞xd8+ ♔xd8 21.♙xa6 (21.♜xh5 ♕e7 22.♙d3 ♞g8 23.g3 a5) 21...♞g8 22.♞h3 ♙d2 23.♙d3 ♕e7 24.♜f1 ♙c3 (24...♞xg2 25.♞h2 ♞xh2 26.♜xh2 ♕d6 27.c4!±) 25.♞g3 (25.♜e3 ♙d4 26.a3 bxa3 27.♕a2 ♕d6 28.b4 ♞b8 29.♜c4+ ♕c7 30.♜a5 ♞xb4 31.♜xc6 ♕xc6 32.♙e2 ♞b2+ 33.♕xa3 ♞xc2 34.♙xh5±) 25...♞d8 26.♜e3 ♙e1 27.♞h3 ♞g8 28.a3 bxa3 29.♕a2 ♕d6 30.♙e2! ♙xe4 31.♙xh5 ♙xg2 32.♞h2! ♙c6 33.♙xf7±; 17...♕e7 18.♙c4 (18.♙d3 - 82/ (189)) 18...♙h6 (18...♙b5 19.♚e2 ♙xc4 20.bxc4 ♞c8 21.♜xh5 ♙h6 22.♞d3 ♚xc4 23.♞hd1 a5 24.g4 a4 25.g5 (25.♚g2 ♞c6 26.♜xf6 ♕xf6 27.g5+ ♕e7 28.♚d2 b3 29.f6+ ♕d7 30.♞xd6+ ♞xd6 31.♚xd6+ ♕c8 32.axb3 axb3 33.♞d2 ♙xg5 34.cxb3 ♚f1+ 35.♞d1 ♚b5=) 25...fxg5 26.f6+ ♕e8 (26...♕f8? 27.♜g3 gxh4 28.♞xd6+-) 27.hxg5 (27.♜g3? gxh4 28.♜f5 ♙f8±) 27...♙f8 28.♜g3 ♞h4 29.♜f5 ♚xe4 30.♚xe4 ♞xe4 31.♞xd6±) 19.♚e2 ♙b5 (19...♚e3 20.♚xh5 ♞af8 21.♞d3 ♚f2 22.♚f3 ♚xf3 23.gxf3±) 20.♞d3! ♙xc4 21.bxc4 ♚xc4 22.♜xh5 ♞hc8 23.g4 ♞c5 24.♚g2 ♞a5 25.♞b3 ♞g8 26.g5! fxg5 27.♞d1↑

18.♚e1!N

18.♙e2 ♕e7 - 82/189

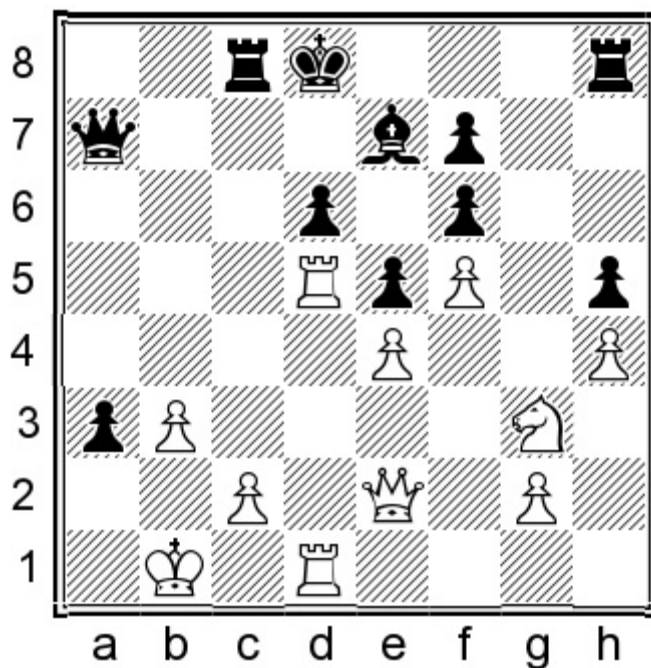
18...♞c8

18...♙e7 19.♞d2 ♚c3 20.♞h3±

19.♙xb5+ axb5

19...♚xb5 20.♞d5 ♞c5 21.♞xc5 ♚xc5 22.♚e2 ♞g8 23.♜xh5 ♕e7 24.♚d2 ♚d4 25.♚xd4 exd4 26.♜f4+-

20.♚e2 ♞a8 21.♞d5± ♚a7 22.♚xb5+ ♕d8 23.a4 bxa3 24.♞hd1 ♙e7 25.♚e2 ♞c8

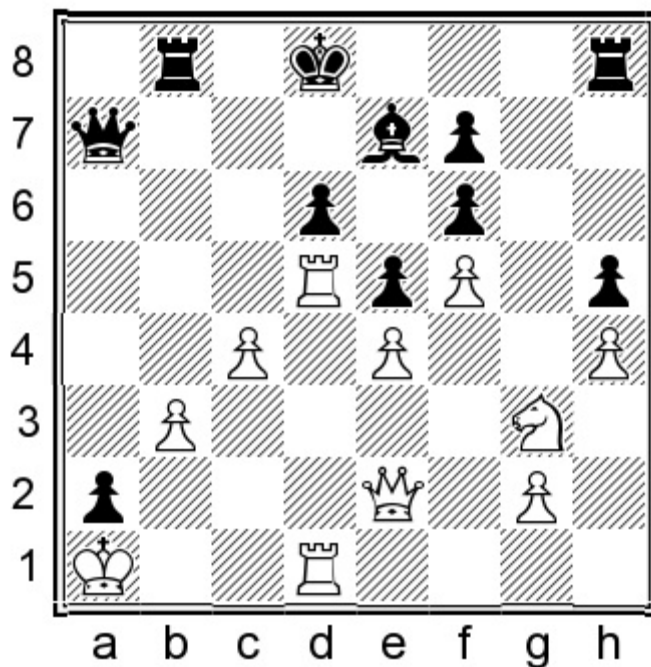


26.c4?!

26.♟xh5 a2+ 27.♞a1 ♜c6 28.g4 ♔d7 29.♞d3 ♞c7 30.c4+-; 26.♞a2 ♜c3 27.♞f1 ♜g8 28.♞1d3 ♜xd3 29.♜xd3 ♞g1 (29...♜g4 30.♞e3! ♜xe4 31.♞f3+-) 30.♞e3 ♞c1 31.♞d1!+-

26...♜g8?!

26...a2+ 27.♞a1 ♜b8



28.♞b2 (28.♞1d3 ♔e8 (28...♞a3? 29.♞d2! ♜xb3 30.♜xb3 ♞xb3 31.♜b5!+-) 29.♞f1 ♞g1! 30.g3 ♜g8 31.♞f3 (31.♜a5 ♔d8 32.♜xa2 ♔b6±) 31...♔d8 32.♜xd6 ♔b6±; 28.♞5d3 ♞a3 29.♞xa2 (29.♞c2 ♔e8∞) 29...♞b4 30.♞e2 (30.♞f1 ♔d7! 31.♞b1 ♜a8 32.♞d2 ♞b7 33.♞e3 ♜a3 34.♞b2 ♜ha8±)

30...♔d7 31.♕b1 ♖hg8 (31...♜xc4 32.♜a7+±) 32.g3 ♖a8 33.♜b2 ♖a3 34.♜c1 ♖ga8±) 28...♕e8
29.♜e2 ♖g8 30.♜c3 ♕f8 31.b4 ♖g3 32.b5 ♕g7 33.♖5d3±

27.♜xh5 a2+ 28.♕a1 ♖b8 29.♖5d3 ♜a3 30.♜c2 ♖g4?

30...♕e8 31.g3 ♖g4 32.♖e1 ♜b4 33.♖ee3±

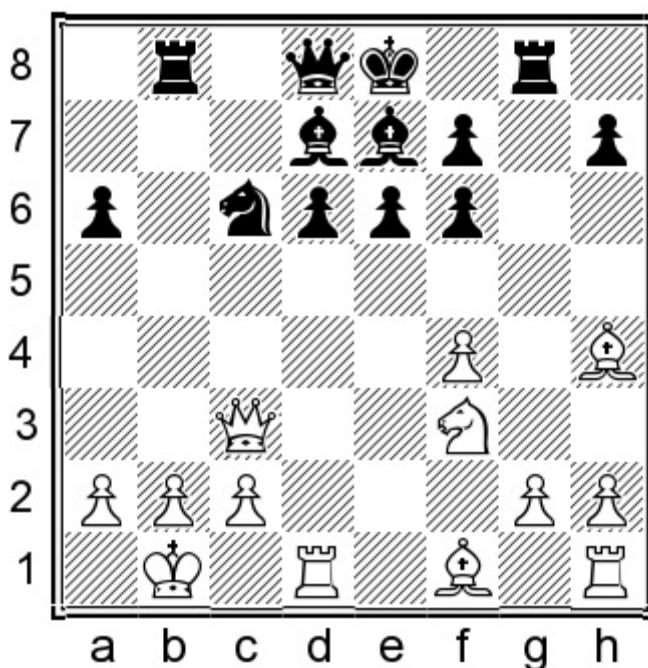
31.c5!+- ♖c8 32.♖c3 d5 33.♖xd5+ ♕e8 34.g3 ♜b4 35.♖c4 ♜e1+ 36.♖d1 ♜e3 37.♜d3 1-0

61. B68

Ponkratov, Pavel (2629) - Bacrot, Etienne (2678)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/61, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♜f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♜xd4 ♜f6 5.♜c3 ♜c6 6.♙g5 e6 7.♜d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♙d7 9.f4 ♙e7
10.♜f3 b5 11.e5 b4 12.exf6 bxc3 13.♜xc3 gxf6 14.♙h4 ♖g8 15.♕b1 ♖b8



16.♙f2N

16.h3 - 146/62

16...f5 17.♜d4 ♙f6

17...♜b4!?∞

18.♙xa6

18.g3 ♜c8∞

18...♖xg2

18...♖b4! 19.a3 (19.♙c4 d5 20.♙b3 ♜b6 21.♜xc6 ♙xc3 22.♙xb6 ♖xb6 23.bxc3 ♖xc6 24.♖he1 ♕d8∞)

19...♖xd4 20.♙xd4 (20.♖xd4 ♖xg2 21.♖g1 ♖xf2!? 22.♖g8+ ♕e7 23.♖xd8 ♕xd8 24.♙b5 ♖xc2!

25.♔xc2 ♖xd4+ 26.♔d2 ♕xb5∞) 20...♖xd4 21.♖xd4 ♖a8 22.♕d3 (22.♕f1 ♖a7 23.♖a4 ♖xa4 24.♖xf6 ♖xf4∞) 22...♖a7 23.♖a4 ♕xa4 24.♖xf6 ♖xg2∞

19.♖hg1 ♖g6 20.♕c4 ♖b6

20...♖a5 21.♖xa5 ♖xa5 22.♕e2 ♔e7∞

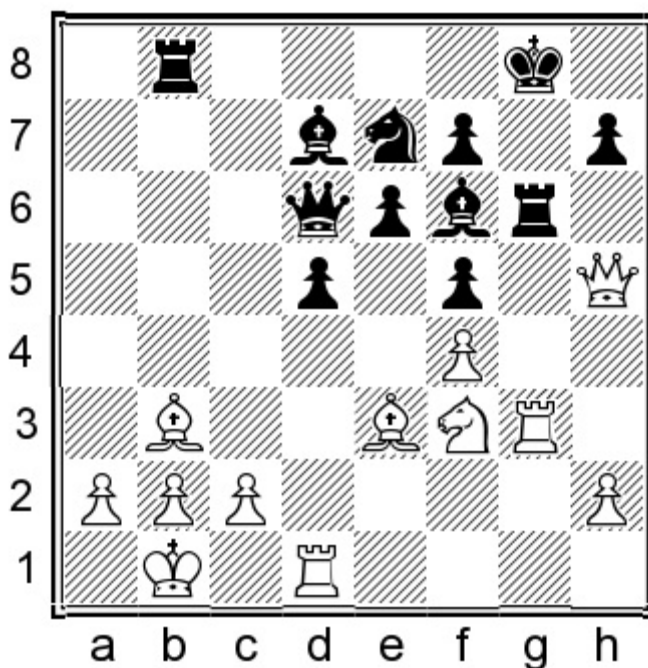
21.♖g3 ♖e7?

21...♖c5 22.b3 ♖a3∞ (22...♖a5∞) 21...♖xg3 22.hxg3 ♖c5 23.♖d3 ♕xd4 24.♕xd4 ♖xd4 25.♖xd4 ♖xd4 26.♖xd4 ♔e7∞

22.♕b3 ♖b4 23.♖d3 d5 24.♖e2 ♖d6 25.♕e3 ♔f8 26.♖h5?

26.♖f3 ♖c6 27.♖f2 ♔g8 28.h4±

26...♔g8 27.♖f3



27...♖b4?

27...♕a4! 28.♖h3 (28.♕xa4? ♖xb2+ 29.♔c1 ♖a3+-) 28...h6 29.♖h4 (29.♖g3 ♕xb3 30.cxb3 ♕g7∞) 29...♕xb3 30.cxb3 ♖g4 31.♖xh6 ♕g7 32.♖h7+! (32.♖h5?? ♖a6+-) 32...♔f8 33.♖f3 ♖c8∞

28.♖e5! ♕e8

28...♕xe5 29.fxe5 ♖xe5 30.♕c5+-

29.♖xg6 hxg6 30.♖f3 ♖b8

30...d4 31.h4 ♕c6 32.♖e2 ♕xh4 33.♖h3 ♕f6 34.a3 ♖b8 (34...♖xb3 35.cxb3 ♕e4+ 36.♔a2 ♖c6 37.♕d2+-) 35.♖h2+-

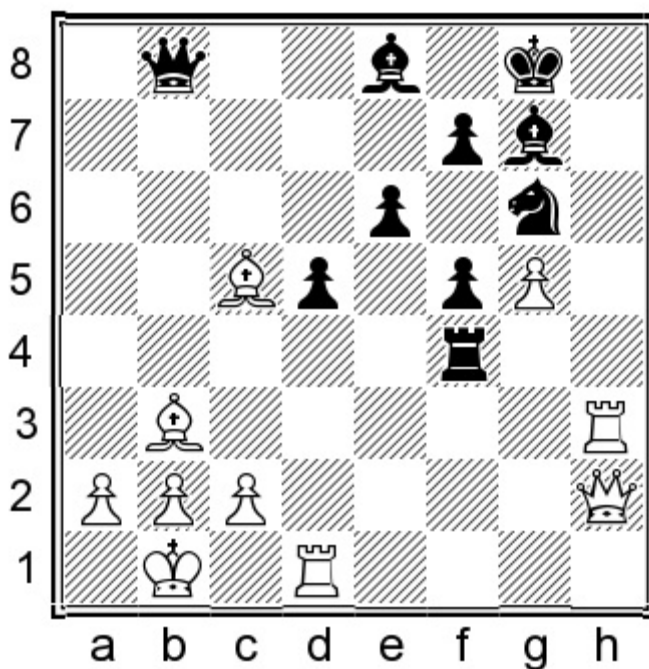
31.h4! ♕xh4

31...e5 32.fxe5 ♖xe5 33.c3 ♜xh4 34.♞h3 ♞e4+ (34...♜xh3 35.♞xh3 f4 36.♙d4 ♞d6 37.♞h1 ♙xd4 38.cxd4 ♞f6 39.a4+-) 35.♞xe4 ♜xe4 36.♙c2 ♜c4 37.♞e1+-

32.♞h3 ♙f6 33.♞f2 g5

33...♘c6 34.♞h2 ♞d6 35.♙f2+-

34.fxg5 ♙g7 35.♙c5 ♜f4 36.♞h2 ♘g6



36...♞e5 37.c4 ♘g6 38.cxd5+-

37.c3

37.♞h1!+-

37...♞b5 38.♙d4

38.♙e7! ♜f1 (38...♘xe7 39.♞xf4+-) 39.♙f6 f4 40.a4 ♜xd1+ 41.♙xd1 ♞f1 42.♞h1+-

38...e5 39.♙f2 ♙c6 40.♙c2 ♙d7 41.♞hd3 ♙e6 42.♙b3 d4

42...e4 43.♞d2 ♞e8 44.♞h1 ♜xf2! 45.♞xf2 d4 46.♙xe6 ♞xe6 47.♞e1 f4 48.cxd4 e3 49.♞f3 ♞f5+ 50.♞c2 ♙xd4 51.♞d1 ♙g7 52.a4+-

43.cxd4 e4 44.♞c3 ♙xb3

44...♞e2 45.♙g3 ♞xh2 46.♙xh2 ♜h4 47.♙xe6 fxe6 48.♙d6 f4 49.a4 e3 50.a5+-

45.♞xb3 ♞e2 46.♞b8+ ♙f8 47.♞h1 1-0

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62. B75

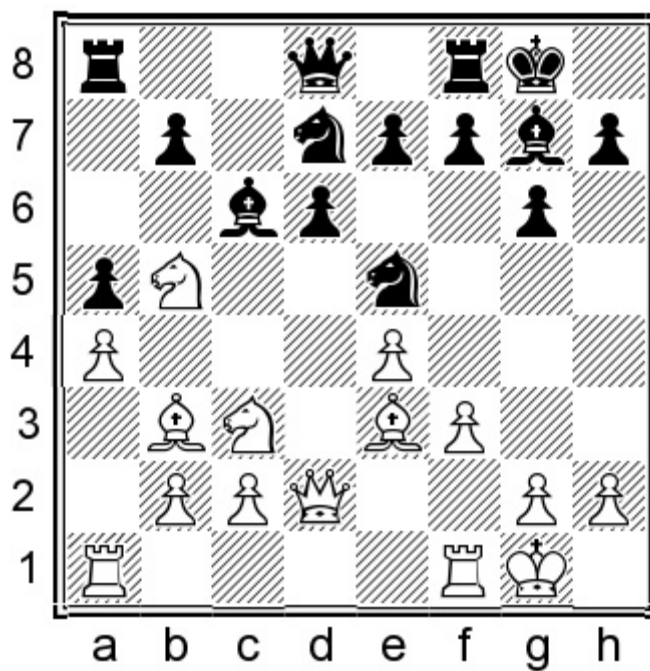
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Jermuk 149/62, 2021

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10.♗db5

10.a4 - 2/346

10...O-O 11.O-O ♗e5 12.a4 ♖c6 13.♔d2 ♗fd7



14.♔e2N

14.♔f2

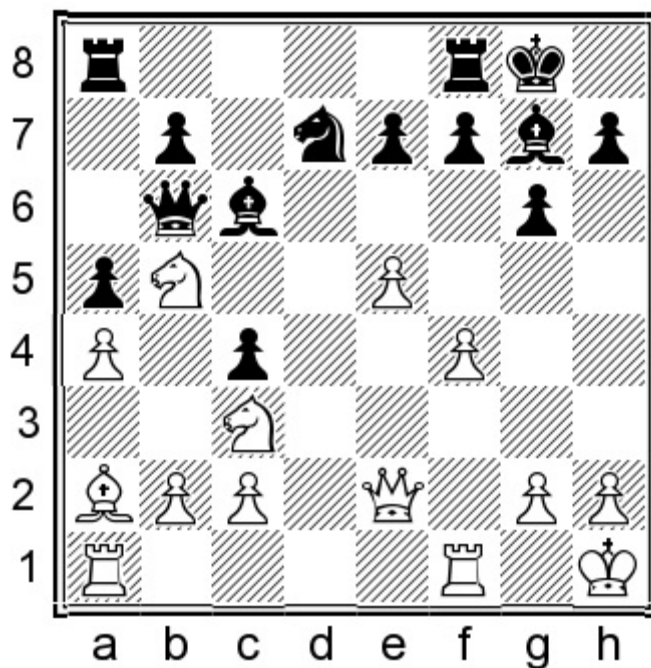
14...♗c5 15.♖xc5

15.♖a2!?!; 15.♖d5!?

15...dxc5 16.f4 c4!

16...♔b6 17.♗d5 ♖xd5 18.♖xd5 ♗c6 19.c3±; 16...♗d7 17.e5±; 16...♖xb5 17.♗xb5 c4 18.♖a2 ♗d7
19.e5±

17.♖a2 ♔b6+ 18.♔h1 ♗d7 19.e5



19. ♖xc4 ♜ac8; 19. ♙xc4 ♙xc3 20. bxc3 (20. ♜xc3 ♜xb2 21. ♜d5 e6 22. ♜e7+ ♔g7=) 20... ♜c5

19...g5! 20. ♙xc4 gxf4 21. e6 fxe6 22. ♙xe6+ ♔h8 23. ♜d5 ♜c5

♞23... ♙xd5 24. ♙xd5 ♜ad8=

24. ♜xf4 ♜f6?!

24... ♜g5! 25. ♙xd7 ♙xd7 26. ♜c7 ♜xf4 (26... ♜ac8? 27. ♜ce6 ♙xe6 28. ♜xe6 ♜xf1+ 29. ♜xf1 ♜e5 30. ♜xe5 ♙xe5 31. b3+-) 27. ♜xf4 ♜xf4 28. ♜xa8 ♙e5 29. ♜h5 ♙xb2

25. ♜c3

25. ♙xd7 ♙xd7 26. ♜ad1 ♙xb5 27. axb5 ♜c8 28. c3 (28. c4!? ♜xc4 29. ♜d8+ ♙f8 30. ♜xf8+ ♜fxf8 31. ♜g6+ hxg6 32. ♜xf8+ ♔g7 33. ♜xe7+ ♔h6 34. ♜e3+ ♔g7 35. ♜xc8 ♜xc8 36. ♜d4+ ♔h7) 28... ♜f5; 25. ♜d3!?

25...♜h6 26. ♙d5?

26. ♜cd5 ♜f8=; 26. ♜ae1 ♜f6; 26. ♜ad1 ♜b6 (26... ♜f6?! 27. ♜d3! ♜h5 28. ♜h3±) 27. ♜g4±

26... ♙xc3! 27. ♙xc6 ♙xb2 28. ♜ab1 ♜xc6 29. ♜xb2 e5?!

29... ♜f8

30. ♜d3 e4

30... ♜e8=

31. ♜f2 ♜f6?!

31... ♜f6

32.♖bb1?!

32.♖fb1

32...♖af8= 33.h3 ♖xa4 34.♖xb7 ♖c6 35.♖bb1 a4 36.♘g4! ♖xf1+ 37.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 38.♗xf1 h5

38...♗xc2?? 39.♗a1+! ♘g8 40.♘h6+ ♘f8 41.♗h8+ ♘e7 42.♘f5+ ♘f7 43.♗g7+ ♘e6 44.♘d4+-

39.♘e3 ♘f6 40.♗f4 ♘g7 41.♘f5+ ♘f7 42.♗e5 ♗e6

42...a3?? 43.♘d6+ ♘g6 44.♗f5+ ♘g7 45.♗g5+-

43.♘d6+ ♘e7 44.♘f5+ ♘f7 45.♘d6+ ♘e7 1/2-1/2

63. B76

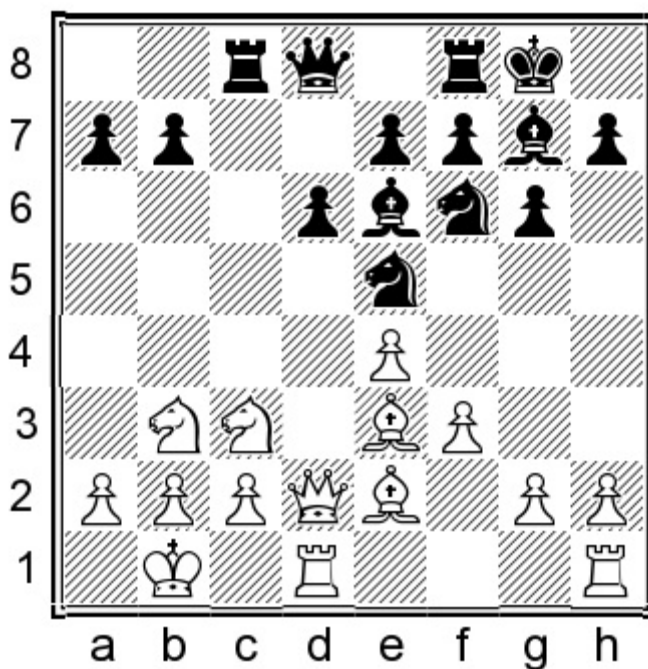
Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Martinovic, Sasa (2548)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/63, 2021

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8.f3 - 147/56

8...O-O 9.f3 ♗e6 10.O-O-O ♖c8 11.♘b1 ♘e5 12.♗e2



12...♗c4N

12...♘fd7

13.♗d4

13.f4!? ♗xe2 14.♗xe2 (14.fxe5 ♗xd1 15.exf6 ♗xc2+ 16.♗xc2 ♗xf6∞) 14...♘c4 15.♗d4 ♗d7 (15...♘d7 16.♗xg7 ♘xg7 17.h4↑) 16.♘c5 ♗g4 (16...dxc5 17.♗xf6 ♗e6 18.♗xg7 ♘xg7 19.g4↑) 17.♗xc4 b6 18.g3 bxc5 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♘d5 ♗e6 21.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 22.♖d5↑

13...♙xe2 14.♚xe2 ♘c6 15.♙xf6

15.e5 ♘xd4 16.♘xd4 (16.♙xd4 ♘d7 17.exd6 exd6 (17...e6!?) 18.♙xd6 ♙xc3! 19.bxc3 ♚c7 20.♙d3 ♘b6) 16...♘d7 17.e6 ♙xc3! 18.bxc3 ♚b6+ 19.♘b3 (19.♚b5 ♚xb5+ 20.♘b5 fxe6) 19...♚c7 20.exd7 ♚xc3=

15...♙xf6 16.♘d5 ♙g7= 17.h4 e6 18.♘e3 ♚e7

18...♚b6!?

19.h5 d5 20.exd5

20.h6!? ♙h8 21.exd5 exd5 22.c3 (22.♙xd5 ♙ce8! (22...♙fe8 23.♙e1 ♙f6 24.♘d2! ♙h4 25.♘e4 ♙xe1 26.♚xe1 f5 27.♙d7 ♚e5 28.♙g7+ ♔f8 29.♘g5 ♙e7 30.♘h7+ ♔e8 31.♙g8+ ♔d7 32.♚d2+ ♔c7 33.♘f6! ♙xg8 34.♘ed5+ ♔c8 35.♘xe7+ ♚xe7 36.♘xg8 ♚f7 37.g4 ♠) 23.♙e1 ♙f6) 22...♙fd8 23.♚f2↑

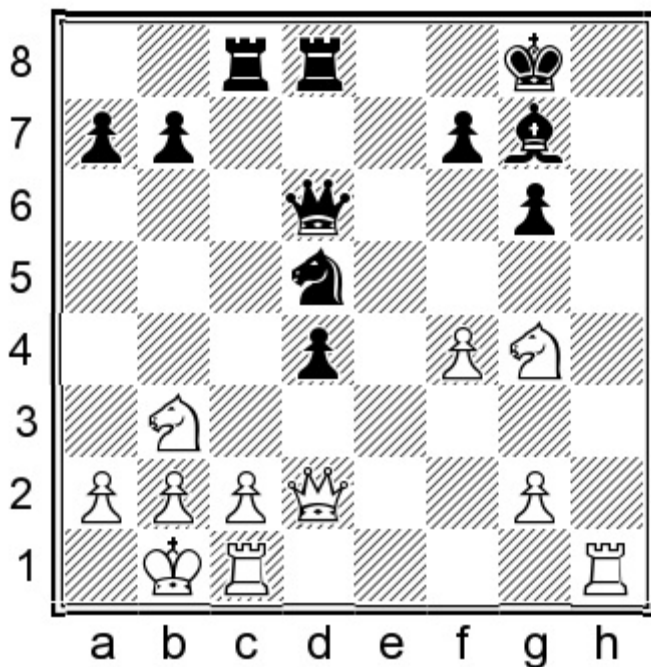
20...exd5 21.♚d2

21.♙xd5? ♙fe8 22.♙e1 ♙h6-+

21...d4 22.♘g4 ♙fd8 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.f4?!

24.♚f4; 24.a3

24...♘b4! 25.♙de1 ♚d6 26.♙c1 ♘d5



27.f5! ♘e3! 28.♘xe3 dxe3 29.♚xd6

29.♚xe3?! ♚f6 30.c3 ♚xf5+ 31.♙c2 a5

29...♙xd6 30.♙ce1 ♙e8 31.fxg6 ♙xg6 32.♙e2 ♙g3

32...♖f6!?

33.c3= ♖e4

33...♖e6!?!; 33...f5!?

34.♘d2 ♖eg4

34...♖e6 35.♘f1=

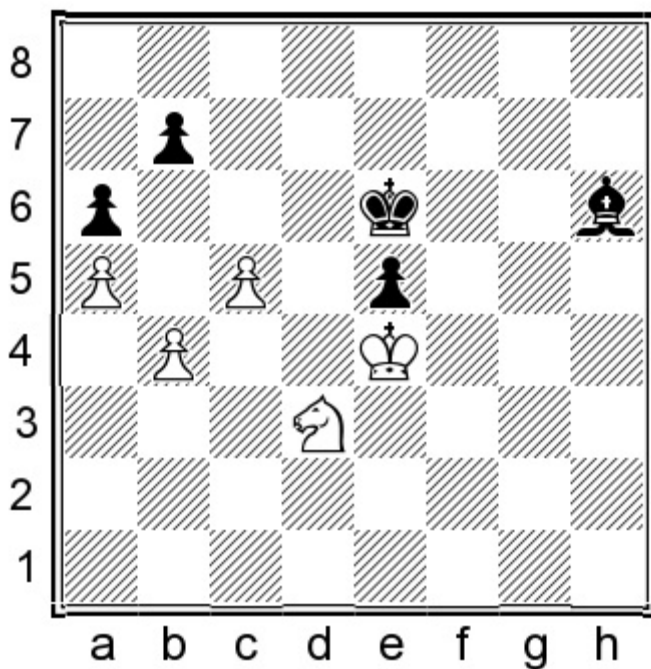
35.♘f1 ♖xg2 36.♖xg2 ♖xg2 37.♘xe3 ♖e2 38.♘f5 ♖f2 39.♖h5 ♖f8 40.a4 f6 41.a5

41.♘d4!?

41...♖e2 42.♘d4 ♖e5 43.♖xe5 fxe5 44.♘f3 ♖d6 45.♔c2 ♔f7 46.♔d3 ♔e6 47.♔e4 a6 48.♘e1 ♖c7
49.♘d3 ♖d6

49...♔d6!?! 50.b4 (50.♘xe5 ♔c5 51.b4+ ♔b5 52.♔d5 ♖xe5 53.♔xe5 ♔c4=) 50...♔c6 51.c4 b6
52.b5+ ♔b7 (52...axb5? 53.a6+-) 53.axb6 ♔xb6 54.bxa6 ♔xa6=

50.b3 ♖e7 51.b4 ♖d6 52.c4 ♖f8 53.c5 ♖h6



53...♔d7=

54.b5!?

54.c6 bxc6 55.♘c5+ (55.♘xe5 ♖d2=) 55...♔d6 56.♘xa6 ♖d2 57.♔d3 ♖e1=; 54.♘xe5 ♖d2 55.♘d3
♖c3=

54...axb5??

54...♔d7 55.c6+ (55.♘xe5+ ♔c8 56.b6 ♖d2 57.♘c4 (57.c6 ♖xa5 58.♘c4 ♖xb6 59.♘xb6+ ♔c7=)

57...♖b4 58.♔d5 ♕c3 59.c6 bxc6+ 60.♗xc6 ♖b8! (60...♕e1?? 61.♜e5 ♕g3 62.♜d7+-) 61.b7 ♕e1□
 (61...♕d4? 62.♜d2! ♕c3 63.♜e4 ♕d4 64.♜g5 ♕e5 65.♗b6 ♕c7+ 66.♗xa6 ♕xa5 67.♜e6+-) 62.♜e5
 (62.♗b6 ♕xa5+ 63.♗xa6 ♕c7 64.♜e3 ♕e5 65.♜d5 ♕g3 66.♜f6 ♖c7=) 62...♕g3=) 55...♗c7
 (55...bxc6 56.♜xe5+ ♖c7 57.bxa6 ♕d2 58.a7 ♖b7 59.♜xc6 ♕xa5=) 56.cxb7 ♖xb7 57.♜c5+ ♖a8
 58.b6 (58.♜xa6 ♕d2=) 58...♕f8! (58...♕d2? 59.♔d5 ♕xa5 60.b7+ ♖a7 61.♗c6 ♕b4 62.♗c7+-)
 59.♜xa6 (59.b7+ ♖b8 60.♜d7+ ♖xb7 61.♜xf8 ♖c6=) 59...♖b7 60.♜c7 ♕b4=

55.c6!+- ♖d6

55...bxc6 56.a6; 55...♕f8 56.cxb7 ♕d6 57.♜b4 ♖d7 58.♔d5 (58.a6) 58...♗c7 59.b8=♔+ ♖xb8
 60.♗xd6 e4 61.♗c5 e3 62.♜c6+! ♖b7 63.♜d4 ♖a6 64.♖b4

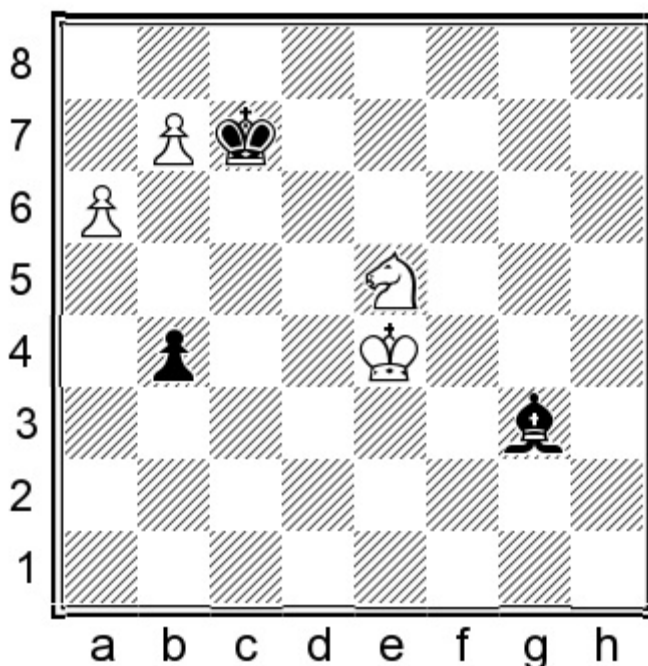
56.cxb7 ♖c7 57.a6 ♕f8 58.♜xe5 ♕d6 59.♜d7??

59.♔d5

59...♗c6= 60.♔d4 ♕c7□ 61.♔d3 ♕d6 62.♗e4 ♕c7 63.♗f5 ♕g3?

63...b4? 64.♗e4 b3 65.♔d3+-; 63...♕d6□ 64.♗e6 b4 65.♜c5!? ♕b8□=

64.♜e5++- ♖c7 65.♗e4 b4



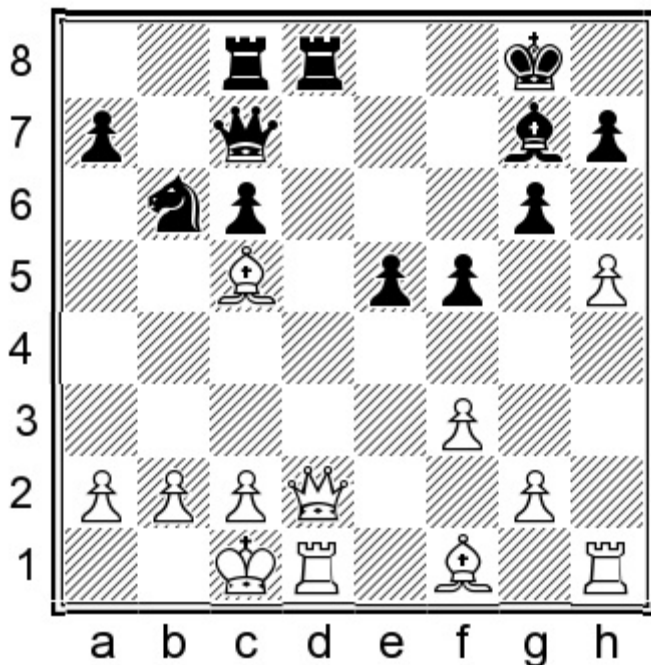
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66.♜d7! ♖c6 67.♔d3 ♕c7 68.♗c4 ♕d6 69.♖b3 ♕c7 70.♗xb4 ♕d6+ 71.♗c4 ♕c7 72.♔d3 ♕d6
 73.♗e4 ♕c7 74.♗f5 ♕d6 75.♜e5+ ♖c7 76.♗e6 ♕c5 77.♜c6 1-0

64. B76

Van Foreest, Jorden (2701) - Abasov, Nijat (2665)
Praha 149/64, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♘f6 5.♗c3 g6 6.♕e3 ♕g7 7.f3 ♖c6 8.♚d2 O-O 9.O-O-O d5
 10.exd5 ♗xd5 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.♕d4 e5 13.♕c5 ♜e8 14.♗e4 ♞c7 15.h4 f5
 15...♞d8 - 83/201
 16.♗d6 ♞d8 17.♗xc8 ♜axc8 18.h5 ♗b6



18...♞b8?! 19.♕c4±

19.♕xb6N

19.♞e3

19...♞xd2

19...axb6 20.♕c4+ ♖f8 21.♞b4+ c5 22.♞a4↑

20.♕c4+ ♖f8 21.♕xc7 ♞xd1+ 22.♞xd1 ♕h6+ 23.♖b1 ♞xc7 24.♞d6 ♖g7 25.hxg6

25.♞e6!?

25...hxg6 26.b4± ♕f4

26...e4 27.fxe4 fxe4 28.♖b2 ♕f4 29.♞e6 e3 30.♖b3±

27.♞e6 ♕d2?!

27...♞d7 28.♞xc6 ♞d2 29.♞c7+ ♖h6 30.♖b2 ♕e3 (30...♞xg2 31.♞xa7 ♞g3 32.b5 (32.♕d5? e4! 33.fxe4 ♕e5+ 34.c3 ♞xc3 35.♞e7 ♕d4 36.♖b1 f4∞) 32...♞xf3 33.a4 e4 34.♞e7 ♕e3 35.c3!±) 31.♖b3 ♞xg2 32.♕d5±; 27...♞b7 28.a3 a5 29.♖b2 (29.c3 a4! Δ Rd7=) 29...axb4 30.a4 ♞a7 31.♖b3 c5 32.♕b5±

28.a3 a5 29.bxa5 ♕xa5

29...♖b7+ 30.♔a2 ♕xa5 31.♖xc6±

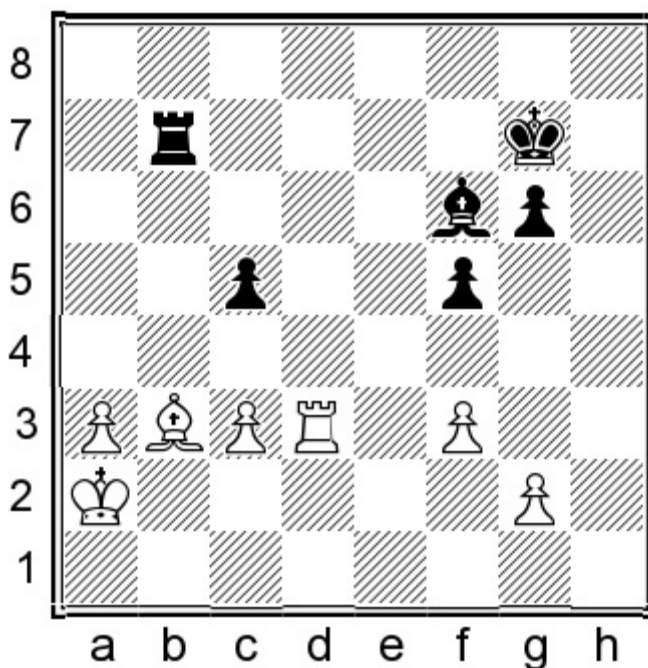
30.♖xe5 ♕c3 31.♖e3

31.♖e6

31...♖b7+ 32.♕b3 ♕d4 33.♖d3?!

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33...♕f6 34.♔a2 c5 35.c3



35...c4! 36.♕xc4 ♖c7= 37.♔b3 ♖b7+ 38.♔c2 ♖a7 39.♔b3 ♖b7+ 40.♔a2 ♖c7 41.♕b3 ♕xc3 42.a4 ♖c5

42...♔h6=

43.♖d7+ ♔h6 44.♖d6 ♔g7 45.♔a3 g5 46.♖a6 ♕e1 47.♖e6 ♕c3 48.♕c2 ♔f7 49.♖a6 ♔e7 50.♕b3 ♔d7 51.♕e6+ ♔c7 52.♔b3 ♕e1 53.♕c4 ♖e5 54.♖g6 ♖e3+ 55.♔c2

55.♔b2 g4 56.fxg4 ♖e4=

55...♖c3+ 56.♔d1 ♖xc4 57.♔xe1 ♖xa4 58.♖xg5 ♖a5= 59.♖g6 ♔d7 60.♔f2 ♔e7 61.♔g3 ♔f7 62.♖c6 ♖a4 63.♔h3 ♔g7 64.♖b6 ♖c4 65.g3 ♖c3 66.f4 ♔f7 67.♔h4 ♖a3 68.♖b7+ ♔g6 69.♖b6+ ♔f7 70.♖b7+ 1/2-1/2

65. B80

Solodovnichenko, Yuri (2546) - Van Wely, Loek (2620)
France 149/65, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕e3 e6 7.♙d2 b5 8.f3 ♘bd7 9.g4 h6 10.O-O-O

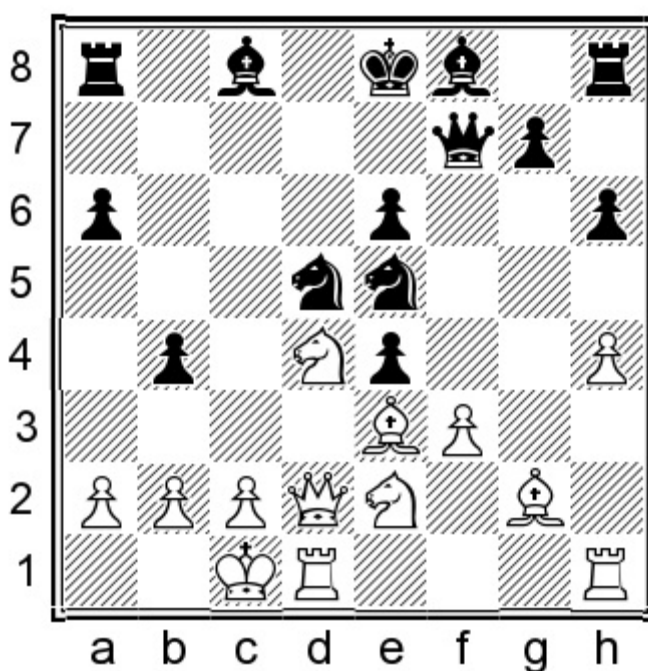
b4 11.♘ce2 ♖c7 12.h4 d5 13.♙g2 dxe4

13...♘b6 - 116/(73)

14.g5 ♘d5?! 15.g6! ♘e5 16.gxf7+

16.fxe4 ♘xe3 (16...♘c4 17.exd5 ♘xd2 18.gxf7+ ♖xf7 (18...♗xf7 19.dxe6+ ♗g8 20.♙xa8 ♘c4 21.♙f4 ♖c5 22.♙e4+-) 19.dxe6 ♙xe6 20.♘f4! (20.♙xa8) 20...♙d7 (20...♘c4 21.♘dxe6 ♖c8 22.♖he1+-) 21.♙xa8 ♖xa2 22.♗xd2 ♖xb2 23.♘fe2+-) 17.gxf7+ ♖xf7 - 16. gf7 (17...♘xf7 18.♖xe3 e5 19.♖g3 h5 (19...♖a7 20.♘f5+-) 20.♘f5 ♖c4 21.♖d3 ♖xa2 22.♖hd1! (22.♘xg7+) 22...♖a1+ 23.♗d2 ♖a2 24.♙h3 ♙xf5 25.♙xf5+-)

16...♖xf7



17.fxe4N

17.♘f5?

17...♘xe3 18.♖xe3 ♙e7 19.♘c6

19.♙h3; 19.♖hf1

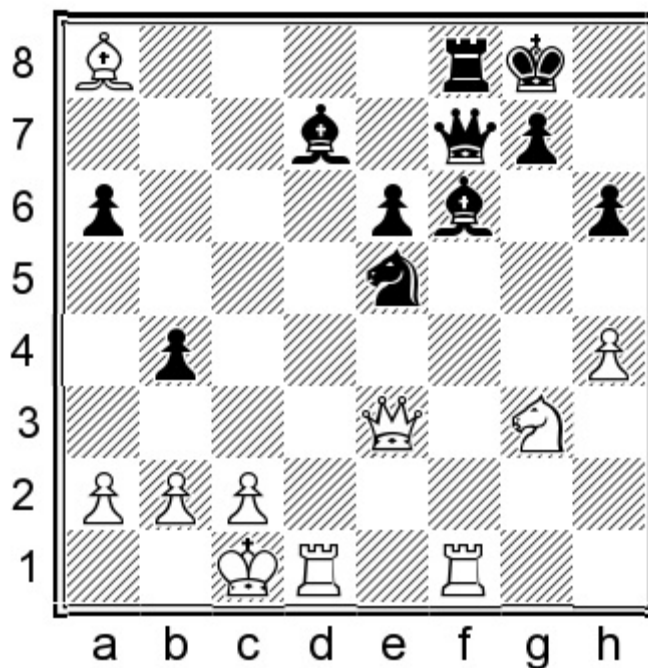
19...♘xc6 20.♖hf1 ♙f6□

20...♖h5 21.e5 ♘xe5 22.♙xa8+-; 20...♖g6 21.♘f4 ♖f7 22.e5+-; 20...O-O 21.♖xf7 ♖xf7 22.e5 ♙b7 23.♖h3+-

21.e5 ♘xe5 22.♙xa8 O-O 23.♘g3?

23.♙g2 ♘c4 24.♖e4 ♘xb2 25.♖d4 ♘a4 26.♖xb4 ♘c5 27.♖e3±; 23.b3±

23...♙d7?



23...♘c4 24.♙e4 ♖c7!≡

24.♘e4!+- ♙g5

24...♙xa8 25.♘xf6+ gxf6 26.♙g1+ ♔f8 (26...♔h7 27.♙e4+) 27.♙xh6+ ♔e8 28.♙g7 ♙f8 29.♙dg1

25.♘xg5?

25.hxg5 ♙xf1 26.♘f6+! ♙xf6 27.gxf6 (27.♙xe5 ♙f5 28.♙d6) 27...♙xf6 28.♙d4

25...♙xf1 26.♙xe5

26.♘f3 ♘d3+ (26...♘c4? 27.♙a7+-; 26...♘g4 27.♙a7+-) 27.♙xd3 ♙xd3 28.♙xd3 ♙b5 29.♙e4 ♙xd3 30.cxd3±

26...♙b5 ♙xd3 27.♙c7

27.♙xb5 ♙xb5 28.♘xe6 ♙xa8 29.♙d4±

27...hxg5= 28.♙xd7 ♙f1+ 29.♙d1 ♙xd1+ 30.♔xd1 ♙f1+ 31.♔d2 ♙f2+ 32.♔d1 ♙f1+ 33.♔d2 ♙f2+ 34.♔d3 ♙f1+ 35.♔e3 ♙e1+ 36.♔d3 ♙f1+ 37.♔d4 ♙f2+ 38.♔d3 ♙f1+ 1/2-1/2

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Firouzja, Alireza (2759) - Svidler, Peter (2714)

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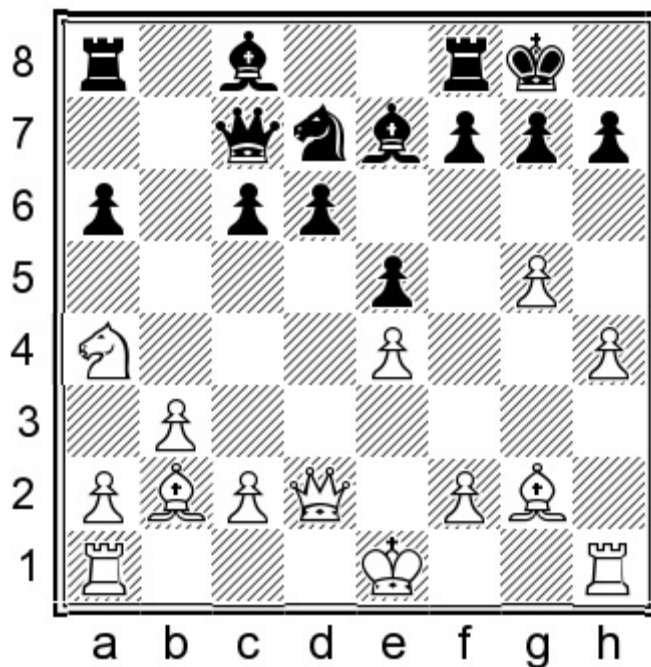
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9.h4 - 143/60

9...♘c6 10.h4 O-O 11.b3 ♙b6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♘a4 ♙c7 14.♙b2

14.♙e3 ♘b7 15.O-O c5 (15...d5!?) 16.f4∞ (16.c4?! f5↑)

14...e5 15.♚d2



15...f6N

15...♘b6 16.♘xb6 ♚xb6 17.O-O-O f6∞

16.♙f1

16.O-O-O

16...f5

16...♘b6 17.♘xb6 ♚xb6 18.♙c4+ ♔h8∞

17.♙c4+

17.f3!?

17...♔h8 18.f3 fxe4

18...♘b6 19.♚a5 ♙d8 20.♚xb6 ♚xb6 21.♘xb6 ♙xb6 22.O-O-O ♙c5=

19.fxe4 ♘b6

19...♖f4 20.O-O-O! ♖xe4 21.♖df1=

20.♘xb6

20.♚a5!? ♙d8 21.♚xb6 ♚xb6 22.♘xb6 ♙xb6 23.O-O-O ♙c5 24.♖df1 ♙g4 25.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 26.♙c3±

20...♚xb6 21.O-O-O ♙g4 22.♖de1 ♖f2 23.♚e3 ♚xe3+ 24.♖xe3 ♙h5

24...a5 25.a4 ♖d8=; 24...♙f3!?

25.♙c3± h6 26.♚b2 hxg5?!

26...♖f4

27.hxg5 g6 28.♙e1

28.a4!?

28...♖ff8

28...♖f4!?

29.♙e2

29.♖c3!?

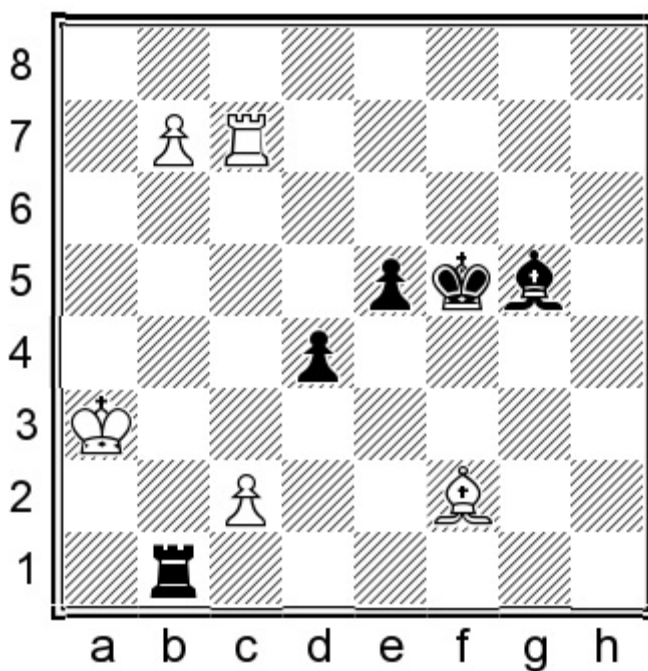
29...♚g7 30.♙xh5 gxh5 31.♖xh5 ♖h8 32.♖xh8 ♖xh8 33.b4?!

33.♖c3

33...♙xg5 34.♖c3

34.♖d3 ♙e7 35.♖a3 ♖a8=

34...♖h1 35.♙f2 d5 36.exd5 cxd5= 37.a4 d4 38.♖c7+ ♚g6 39.b5 axb5 40.axb5 ♚f5 41.b6 ♖h6 42.b7 ♖b6+ 43.♚a3 ♖b1??



43...♙c1+ 44.♚a4 ♙d2=; 43...♙d2=

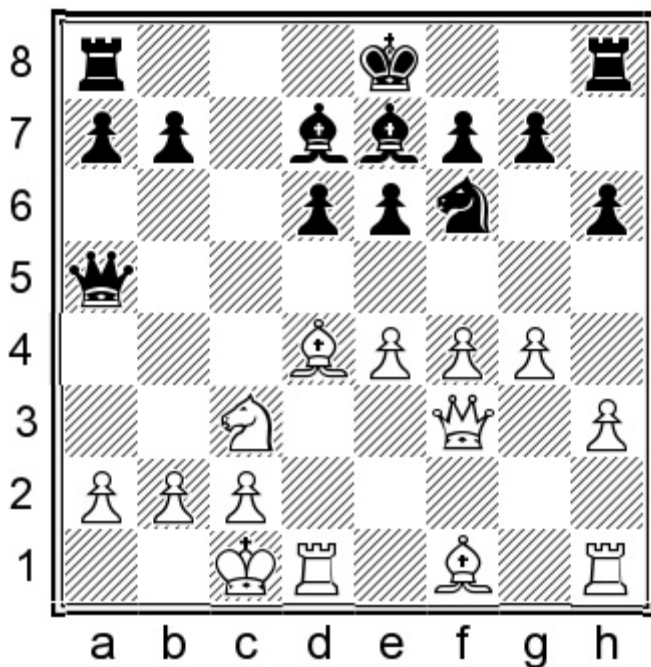
44.♙e1!+- ♙d8 45.♖d7 ♚e6 46.♙b4 1-0

67. B81**Ragger, Markus (2680) - Sokolov, Andrei (2490)****France 149/67, 2021**

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♘f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.g4 h6 7.♙e3 ♗c6 8.h3 ♙d7 9.f4 ♙e7 10.♚f3

10.♗f3 - 134/64

10...♗xd4 11.♙xd4 ♚a5 12.O-O-O



12...♖c8N

12...♙c6 13.♗b1 (13.♙c4!?) 13...d5!? (13...♖c8?! 14.♖g1 b5 15.g5 hxg5 16.♖xg5±)

13.♚g3 g5

13...b5! 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 ♗h7∞

14.fxg5! hxg5 15.e5 dxe5 16.♙xe5 ♙c6 17.♖h2 ♖h6

♘17...O-O

18.♗b1 ♗d7 19.♙d4

19.♙g7!? ♖g6 20.♙d4

19...♙f6?!

19...b5

20.♖hd2± ♙xd4

♘20...♙e5

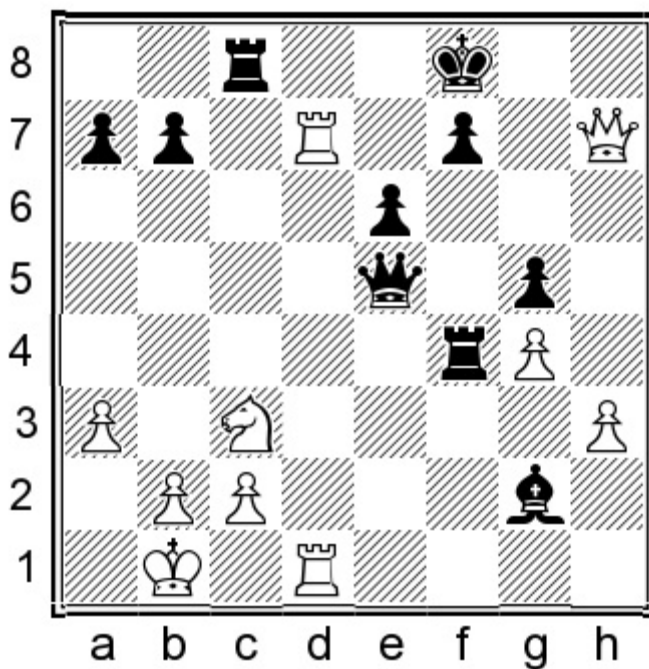
21.♖xd4 ♜f6 22.♙g2 ♚e5

22...♜f4 23.♙xc6 ♜xd4 24.♖xd4 ♜xc6 25.♞d1±

23.♞d3?

23.♙xc6! ♞xg3 24.♙xd7+ ♔f8 (24...♔d8? 25.♙xc8+ ♔xc8 26.♘b5+-) 25.♙xc8 ♞xh3 26.♙xb7+-

23...♙xg2 24.♖xd7 ♔f8= 25.♞h7 ♜f4 26.a3



26...♙c6?

26...♞e8! 27.♞d8 ♙c6 28.♖xe8+ ♙xe8 29.♞d8 ♔e7 30.♞a8 ♞d4!=

27.♞d8+ ♜xd8 28.♖xd8+ ♔e7?

28...♙e8 29.♔a2±

29.♞g8+- ♜f1+?!

29...♞a5

30.♔a2 ♞f4 31.♞c8 1-0

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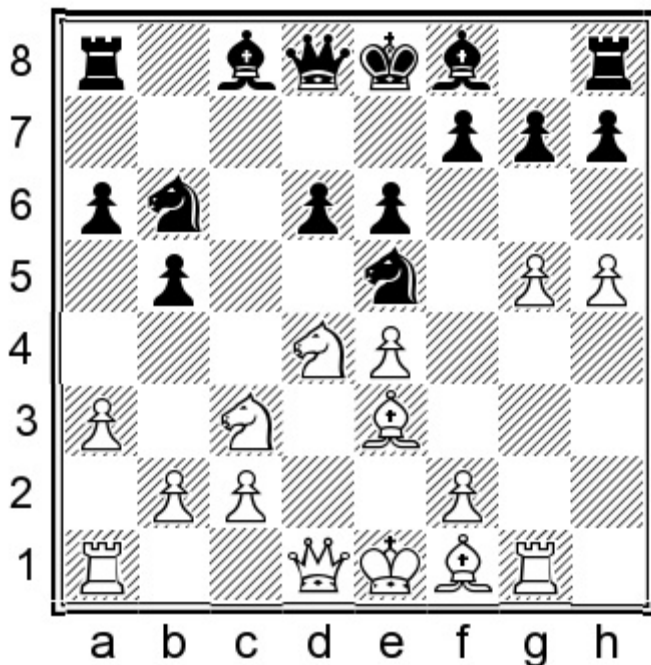
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1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.g4 a6 7.g5 ♘fd7 8.♙e3 b5 9.a3 ♘b6 10.h4
♘8d7 11.♞g1 ♘e5

11...♙b7 - 34/(293)

12.h5



12...♘bc4N

12...♙d7; 12...g6

13.♙c1 ♖b6 14.♘ce2

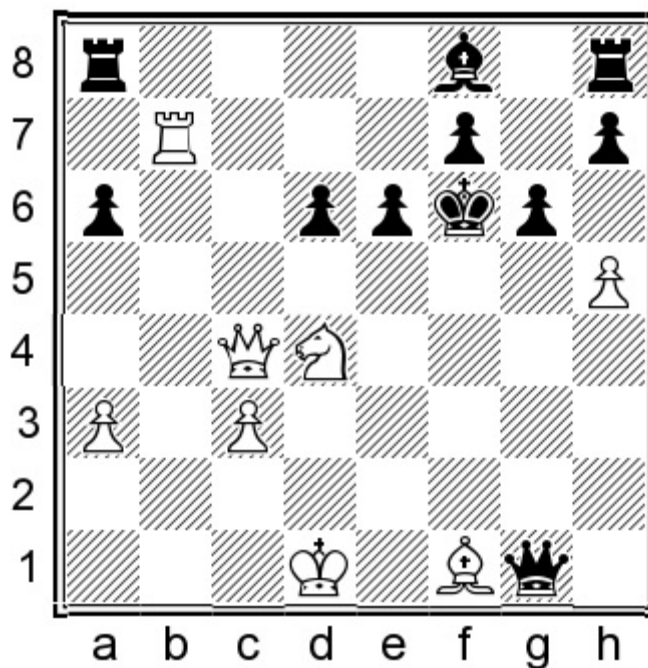
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14...♙b7 15.b3 ♖a5+ 16.c3 ♙xe4 17.bxc4

17.♖g3!? ♘b6 18.f4 ♘bd7 (18...♘ed7 19.♙d2 ♘c8 20.c4 ♖b6 21.♙e3 d5 22.cxb5 axb5 23.♘c3 ♖xa3 24.♘xe4 dxe4 25.♙xb5±) 19.a4!± (19.fxe5 dxe5 20.b4 ♖c7 21.♘b3 ♖d8 22.♙e3 ♙e7 23.♖c1 h6) 19...♙b7

17...♘d3+ 18.♔d2 bxc4 19.♘g3! ♙d5

19...♘xf2? 20.♖e1+-; 19...♖xg5+ 20.♔e2 ♘xc1+ 21.♖xc1 ♖e5 22.f4! ♖xf4 23.♖a4+ ♔e7 (23...♔d8 24.♘xe4 ♖xe4+ (24...♖xc1 25.♖b4 ♔c8 26.♖b6 ♖b8 27.♖xa6+ ♔d7 28.♖a4+-) 25.♔d1+-) 24.♘xe4 ♖xe4+ 25.♔d1 g6 26.♖xc4 ♖e3 27.♖b1! ♙h6 (27...♖xg1? 28.♖b7+ ♔f6



29. Rxf7+! Kg5 (29... Kxf7 30. Qxe6+ Kg7 31. Nf5+ gxf5 32. h6#) 30. Nf3+-) 28. Nc6+ Kf6 29. Qd4+ Qxd4+ 30. cxd4±

20.g6?

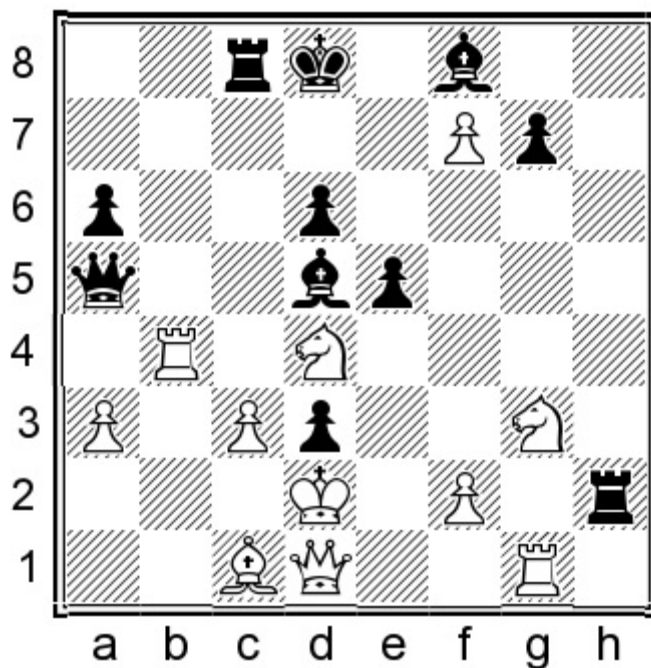
20. Qxd3 cxd3 21. Kxd3±

20...hxc6 21.hxc6 Rh2?

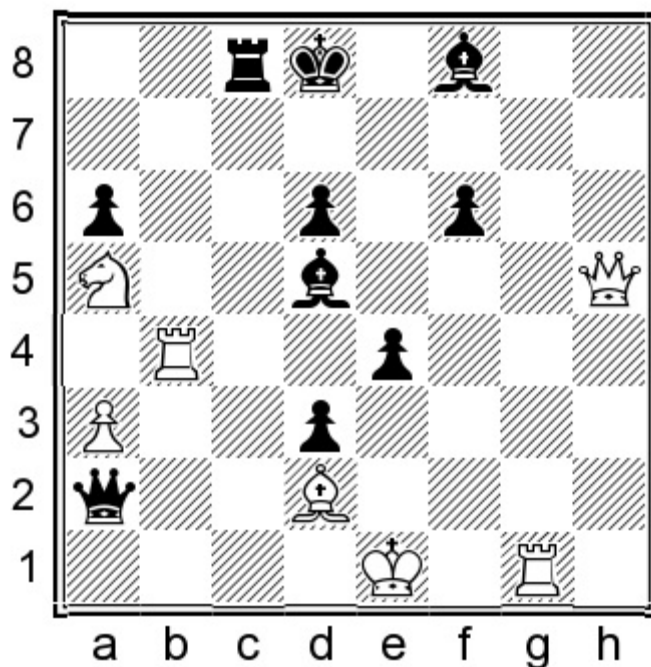
21... Ne5 22. gxf7+ Kxf7 23. Qg2 Rh4 24. Kc2 Qa4+ 25. Kd2 Qa5=; 21... fxg6 22. Qxd3 cxd3 23. Qg4 e5=; 21... Rh4 22. gxf7+ (22. Nb3 Qb6 23. Qxd3 Qxf2+ 24. Qe2 cxb3 25. Qf1 Qxf1 26. Nxf1 f5-) 22... Kxf7 (22... Kd7 23. Nb3 Qb6 24. Nd4 Nxf2 25. Qa4+ Kc7 26. Ke1 Rxd4! 27. cxd4 Qxd4 28. Rb1 Ne4) 23. Nf3! (23. Nb3? Qc7 24. Nd4 g6-) 23... Rf4 24. Ng5+ Ke8 25. Qxd3 cxd3 26. Ke1 Qxc3+ 27. Qd2 Qe5+ 28. Qf1 Qxg5 29. Nh5 Rxf2+ 30. Kxf2 Qh4+ 31. Rg3 (31. Qf1 Ra7 32. Nf4 Rf7 33. Qa4+ Ke7=) 31... Qe7=

22. Qxd3 cxd3 23. Qe1?

23. gxf7+ Kd8 (23... Kxf7?! 24. Qg4 e5 25. Ne4! exd4 26. Qf5+ Kg8 (26... Ke8 27. Re1+-) 27. Qxd5+ Qxd5 28. Nf6+ Kh8 29. Nxd5 Rxf2+ 30. Kxd3 dxc3 31. Rg5+-) 24. Rb1 Rc8 25. Rb4 e5



26. ♖g4! ♜xf2+ (26...exd4?! 27. ♖g5+ ♔c7 (27...♔d7 28. ♖f5+ ♔c7 (28...♔d8 29. ♞e1 dxc3+ 30. ♔xd3+-) 29. ♞c4+-) 28. c4 ♜xf2+ 29. ♔e1 ♜xf7 30. ♖xd5 ♖xd5 31. cxd5+-) 27. ♔e1 ♞f6 28. ♜b3 (28. ♜e4!?) 28... ♖c7 29. ♜e4 ♜xf7 30. ♜g5 (30. ♙e3!?) 30... ♞f6 31. ♜h7 ♖xc3+ 32. ♙d2 ♖c2 33. ♜xf6 gxf6 34. ♜a5 ♖a2 35. ♖h5 e4



36. ♜c4!! ♜xc4 (36... ♙xc4 37. ♞b7+-) 37. ♞b8+ ♔c7 38. ♞xf8+-

23... ♞c8 24. ♙b2

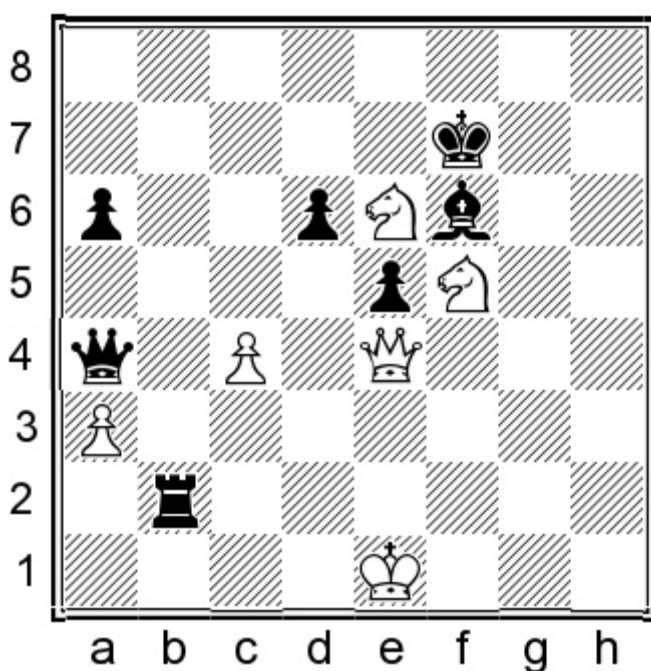
24. gxf7+ ♔xf7 25. ♔xd3 e5-+

24... ♙e7?

24...♔d7-+; 24...e5-+

25.gxf7+ ♔d7

␣25...♔f8 26.♚e3! (26.♜xe6+ ♔xf7 27.♜f5 ♚b6!-+) 26...e5! (26...♙f6 27.♜xe6+ ♙xe6 (27...♔xf7 28.♜e4!∞) 28.♚xe6 ♞xf2+ 29.♔d1 ♞d8 30.♞h1 ♞g6 31.♙c1 ♞d2! 32.♙xd2 ♞xd2+ 33.♔xd2 ♚xc3+ 34.♔e2 ♚c2+ 35.♔f3 ♙xa1 36.♚e4⌘) 27.♜gf5! (27.♜df5? ♚a4! 28.♔xd3 ♚b5+! 29.♔c2 ♙g5!-+) 27...♙f6 28.♜xg7 (28.♜xd6 ♞d8 29.a4 (29.♜b7 ♙xb7 30.♜e6+ ♔xf7 31.♜xd8+ ♚xd8-+; 29.♜4f5 ♚a4 30.♔e1 ♚c2 31.♚d2 ♚xd2+ 32.♔xd2 ♞xf2+ 33.♔xd3 ♞xb2-+) 29...♞xd6 30.♙a3 ♔xf7 31.♙xd6 exd4 32.♚xd3 ♚xc3+ 33.♚xc3 dxc3+ 34.♔e2 ♞h4-+) 28...♞b8 29.♞ab1 ♔xf7 30.♜df5 ♚a4 31.♔xd3 ♔f8! 32.♔d2 ♙a2 33.c4! (33.♔c1 ♚c6! 34.♞a1 ♙c4-+) 33...♙xb1 34.♜e6+ ♔f7 35.♞xb1 ♞b3! (35...♔xe6? 36.♙xe5!=) 36.♚e4 ♞xb2+ 37.♞xb2 ♞xf2+ 38.♔e1 ♞xb2



39.♜g5+! ♔e8! (39...♙xg5 40.♜xd6+ ♔e6 41.♚d5+ ♔d7 42.♜b5+! ♔e7 43.♚xe5+=) 40.♚a8+ ♔d7 41.♚a7+ ♔c6 42.♚a8+ ♞b7 43.♚e8+ ♞d7 44.♜e6 e4 45.♜e3 ♔b7 46.♔f2⌘

26.♜f1?!

26.♚e3! ♞h4 (26...♞f8 27.♜f1 ♞h4 28.♚xd3 ♞xf7 29.♞e1∞; 26...♙f6 27.♔e1∞; 26...e5 27.♜df5!?) (27.♜f3 ♙xf3 28.♚xf3 ♚b6 29.♚f5+ ♔c7 30.♜e4 ♚xb2+ 31.♔xd3 ♞ch8↑) 27...♙f8 28.♜f1 ♞b8 29.♔c1 ♚b5 30.♚d2 ♚xb2+ 31.♚xb2 ♞xb2 32.♔xb2 ♞xf2+ 33.♔c1 d2+ 34.♜xd2 ♞xf5⌘) 27.♞h1! ♚b6 28.♞hb1 e5 29.♜f3 ♚xe3+ 30.♔xe3 ♞f4 31.♜d2 ♙xf7⌘

26...♞h4! 27.f4?!

27.♚e3 e5⌘

27...♞xf4 28.♚e3 ♞xf7-+ 29.♜g3

29.♚xd3 ♞f2+ 30.♔c1 ♙c4

29...♖b6

29...e5!?

30.♖ab1 ♜cf8?

30...e5

31.♙a1 ♜f2+ 32.♜ge2 ♜xe2+ 33.♜xe2 ♜xe3+ 34.♜xe3 ♜f3+

⊔34...dxe2 35.♜xe2 g5

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39.♜f1⊔

39...♜xa3-+ 40.♜f1 ♜a2+ 41.♜d3 e5 42.♜a1?!

42.♙e3

42...♜h2

42...♜xa1!? 43.♙xa1 ♙f3 44.♜g1 g4

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52...♜e6!? 53.♜xa6 g3+!

53.♜xa6 ♜xc4 54.♜a3 ♜e4 55.♜e1 ♜e6 56.♜a8 ♜e5 57.♜e8+ ♜d4 58.♜a8 d5 59.♜a4+ ♜e5 60.♜a8 d4 61.♜d8 ♜e3 62.♜a1 ♜b3 63.♜e8+ ♜d5 64.♜d8+ ♜e4 65.♜e8+ ♜d3 66.♜d8 ♜c3 67.♜d7 ♜c2

⊔67...♙e4

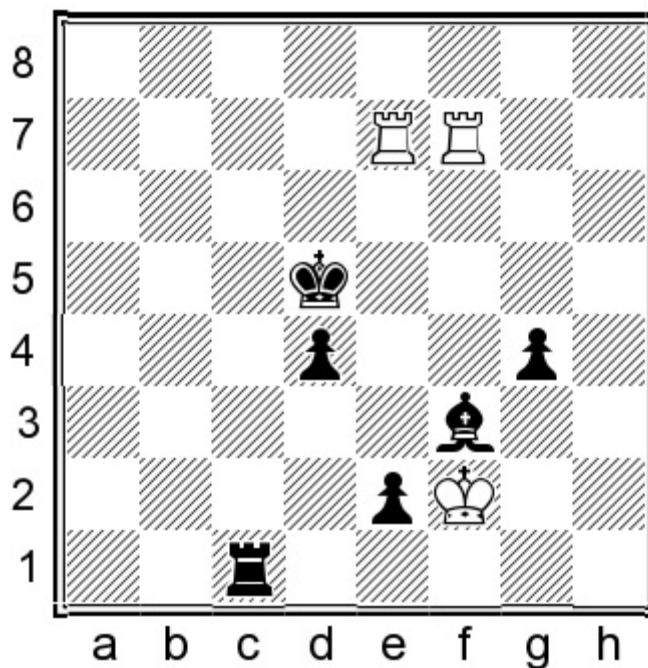
68.♜a3+ ♜e4

68...♜c3

69.♜e7+ ♜f5 70.♜f7+ ♜e6 71.♜aa7 ♜c1??

71...d3

72.♜ae7+ ♜d5



73.♖f5+??

73.♖d7+ ♔c5 (73...♔e4 74.♖fe7+ ♔d3 75.♖e3+ ♔c2 76.♖xe2+ ♕xe2 77.♔xe2=) 74.♖c7+ ♕c6
75.♔xe2=

73...♔d6-+ 74.♖fe5 d3 75.♖7e6+ ♔c7 76.♖e7+ ♔b6 77.♖7e6+ ♕c6 78.♖d6 ♖f1+ 79.♔g3 e1=♖+
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♔e6 88.♖e8+ ♔f7 89.♖e5 ♕b7 90.♖b5 ♕c8 91.♖b3 ♕e6 92.♖e3 ♔f6 93.♖d3 ♕f5 94.♖b3 ♔g5 95.♖a3
♖d4 0-1

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♕e7 11.♕e3 ♘c6! 12.f4 ♘d7 13.O-O ♘xd4

13...O-O 14.♘ce2 ♘xd4 15.♘xd4 e5 16.♘f5 exf4 17.♕xf4 ♘e5 18.b3 (18.♖d5 - 126/69) 18...♕xf5
19.exf5 ♖c8 20.♖d2 b5 21.♖ad1 ♖e8 22.♖fe1 ♕f6 23.♔h1 ♖c7 24.♖e3 ♖c8 25.c3 ♖c5 26.♖e1 ♖c7
27.♖d4 ♖d8 28.♖d2=

14.♖xd4 O-O 15.♖d2 b5

15...♖c7 16.a4 b6 17.e5 (17.♖ad1 ♕b7 18.h4 ♘f6 19.♕f3 (19.♖e2 d5 20.e5 ♘d7 21.g5 hxg5 22.hxg5
g6 23.♖f2 ♕c5 24.♕xc5 ♖xc5 25.♖xc5 ♘xc5 26.b4 ♘d7 27.♘e4 dxe4 28.♖xd7 ♕d5 29.c4 ♕xc4
30.♕xe4 ♖ac8 31.♖b1 ♖fd8 32.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 33.♔f2 ♖d2+=) 19...d5 20.e5 ♘e4 21.♕xe4=) 17...d5
18.♘e2 a5 19.♘d4 ♕a6 20.♖f3 ♘c5 21.h4 f6 22.exf6 ♕xf6 23.♖d1 ♖ac8 24.g5 ♕xd4 25.♖xd4 ♕e2
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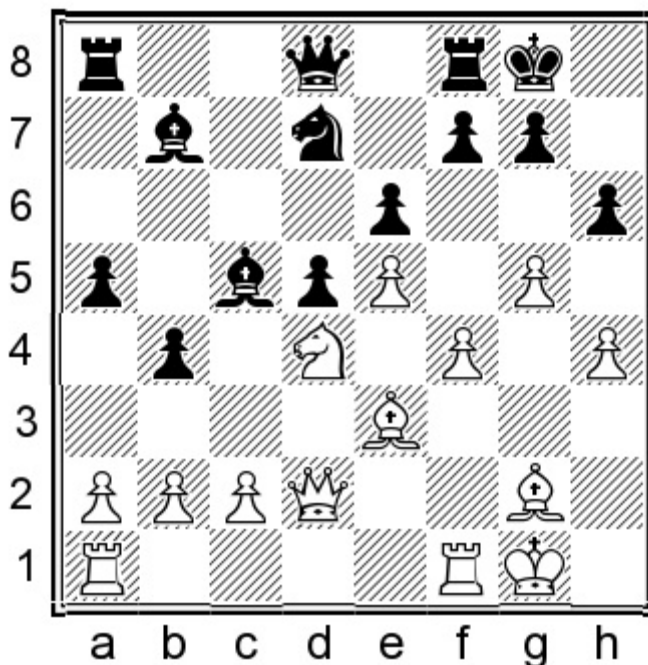
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19.h4 a5

19...♙c5 20.♚f2 ♚b6 21.c3 a5 (21...bxc3 22.bxc3±) 22.♞fc1±

20.g5! ♙c5



21.♙h3N

21.gxh6 gxh6 22.♞ae1±

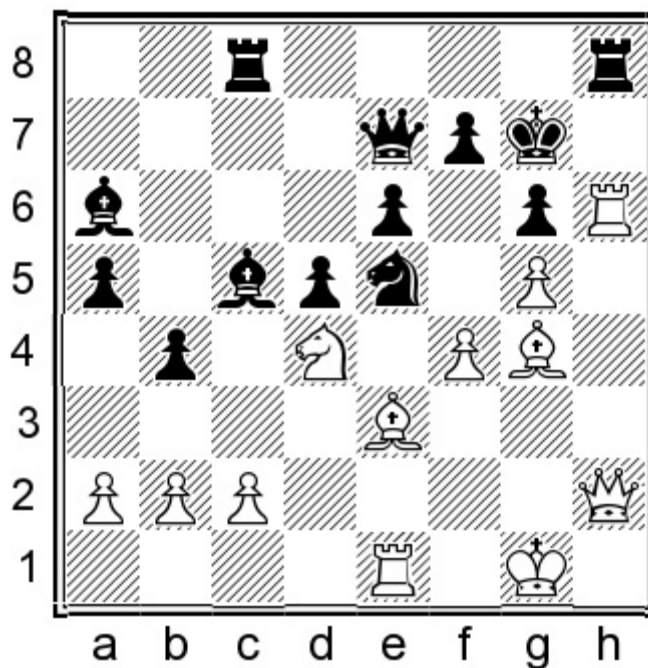
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♞21...h5 22.g6 ♞a6 (22...♙xd4; 22...♙a6?? 23.gxf7+ ♞xf7 24.♙xe6+-) 23.♚f2±

22.♞ae1! hxg5 23.hxg5 g6 24.♙g4

24.♚h2 ♙xd4 25.♙xd4 ♖g7 26.♙xe6 fxe6 27.♚h6+ ♖f7 28.f5 gxh5 29.♞xf5+ ♖e8 (29...exf5??) 30.♞xf8+ ♘xf8 31.♞f1±

24...♙a6 25.♞f2 ♞ac8 26.♞h2 ♖g7 27.♞h6! ♞h8 28.♚h2! ♘xe5



29.♙d1!

29.fxe5? ♙xd4 30.♖h4 ♙xb2+-

29...♘c4 30.♙f2! ♘d2 [Δ Ne4]

30...♘xb2? 31.♙g4+-

31.♔g2 [Δ Ne6!] 31...♙f1+ 32.♖xf1 ♘xf1 33.♔xf1 ♖xh6 34.♖xh6+

34.gxh6+? ♔h7 35.♘f3 ♙xf2 36.♔xf2=

34...♔g8 35.♙g4! [Δ Ne6!] 35...♖e8 36.♙e2! e5 37.♙b5 ♖e7 38.fxe5! ♖xe5 39.♖h4! ♖f8

39...♔g7 40.♖g4 ♖h8 41.♘f3 ♖b8±

40.♙d3! ♖e8 41.♔g2 ♙b6 42.♖g4 ♔f8 43.♔h1

43.♘f3 ♖e6 44.♖f4 ♙xf2 45.♔xf2 ♖b6+ 46.♔g2 ♔e7+-

43...♔g8 44.♔g1 ♔g7 45.♔f1 ♔f8 46.♔g2 ♔g8 47.♙b5

47.♖h4 ♙c5 48.♙g1 ♖e7+-; 47.♔h1 ♖e7 48.♔g2 ♖e5 49.♖h4+-

47...♖e4+ 48.♖xe4 ♖xe4 49.♘c6! ♙xf2 50.♔xf2 ♖g4

50...♖h4

51.♘xa5 ♖xg5 52.♘c6 ♖g4 53.a4 bxa3 54.bxa3 ♔g7

54...♖h4 55.♔g3 ♖h1 56.♘e7+ ♔f8 57.♘xd5 f5+-

55.a4! ♖h4 56.♔e3 ♖e4+ 57.♔f2 ♖h4 58.♔g2! ♖g4+ 59.♔f3 ♖g1 60.a5 ♔f6 61.a6

61.♔e3 ♕e6 62.a6 ♖d6 63.♜b4 ♞a1 64.♔d4 ♞a5 65.♙c6 f5 66.♙xd5 ♕c7 67.♔e5 ♖b6+-

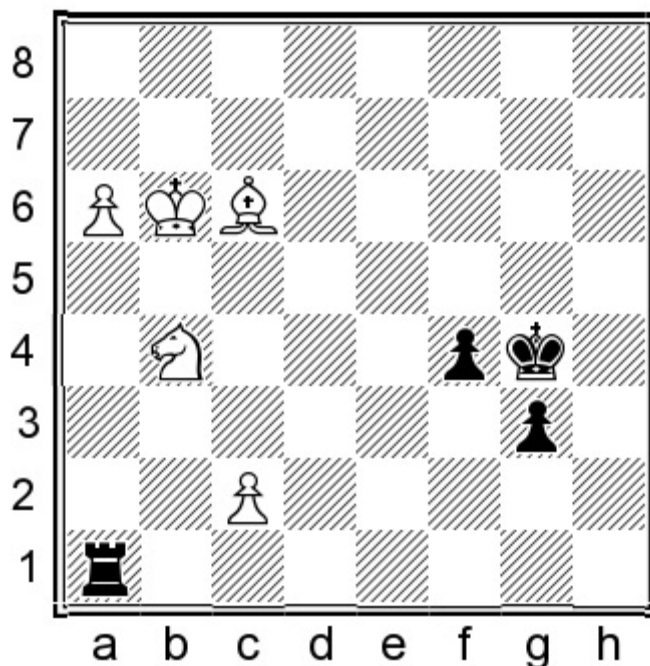
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64.♔d4 g4 65.♜xd5 f5 66.♔c5 ♔e5

66...g3 67.♙c6 f4 68.♜xf4+ ♔f5 69.♜e2 ♞xa6 70.♜xg3+ ♔e5+-

67.♜b4! f4 68.♙d7 g3 69.♙c6 ♔f5 70.♔b6! ♔g4



71.a7! f3 72.♜d3 f2 73.♙g2 ♞b1+ 74.♔c7 ♞a1 75.♜e5+ ♔g5 76.♜c6 ♔f4 77.♔b7

77.♔b6 f1=♚ 78.♙xf1 ♞b1+ 79.♔c5 ♞xf1 80.a8=♚+-

77...♞b1+ 78.♔a6 f1=♚+ 79.♙xf1 ♞xf1 80.a8=♚ g2

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81.♚b8+ ♔g4 82.♜e5+ 1-0

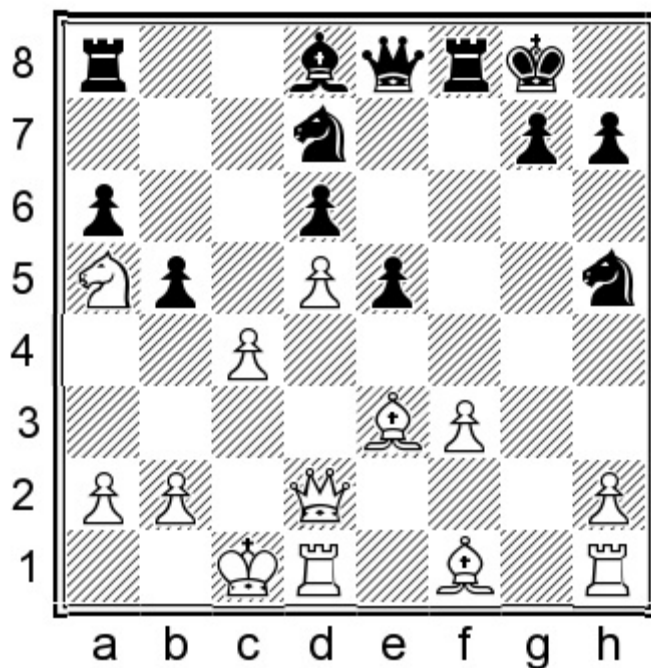
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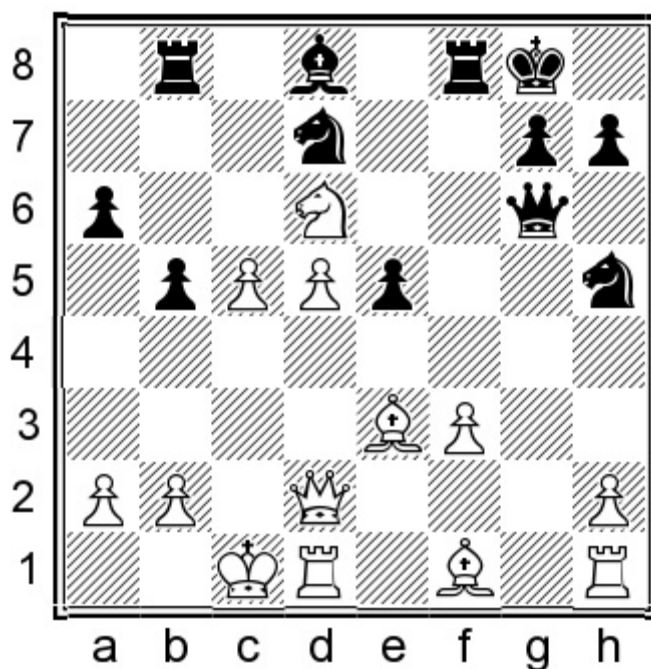
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10.O-O-O b5 11.g4 O-O 12.g5 ♜h5 13.♜d5 ♙xd5 14.exd5 f6 15.gxf6 ♙xf6 16.♜a5 ♚e8 17.♙h3

17.♜c6 - 134/(72); 17.c4 ♙d8

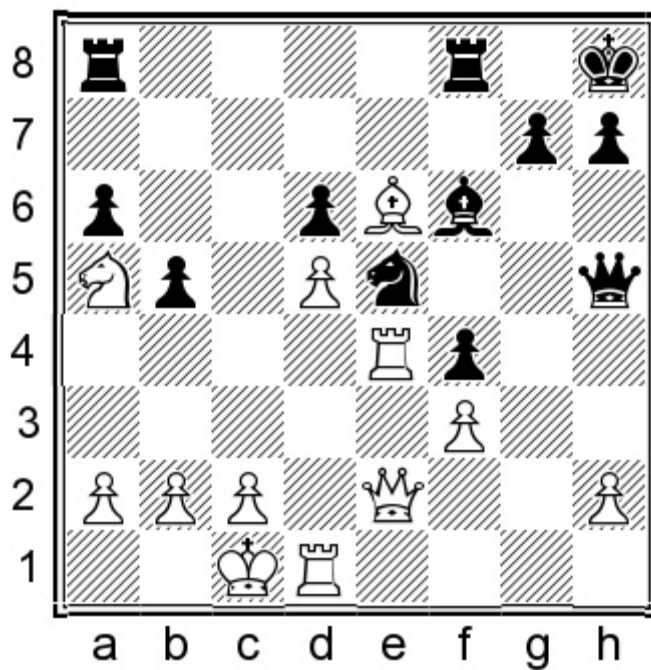


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20... ♖xc5! 21. ♙c2 (21. ♙xc5? ♙g5 22. ♙e3 ♖fc8+-) 21... ♙b6 22. ♙xg6 hxg6 23. ♖e4 ♖xe4 24. ♙xb6 ♖d6 25. ♙c5 ♖bc8 26. b4 ♖xf3 27. ♙g2 ♖f4 28. ♔b1 ♖e4∞) 20... ♖xf3 21. ♙d3 bxc4 22. ♖hg1 ♖g3 23. ♖xg3 ♖xg3 24. hxg3 cxd3 25. ♙xd3 ♖c8+ 26. ♔b1 ♖f6∞) 19.c5 dxc5 20. ♙h3 ♙b6 (20... ♖h8 21. ♖hf1 ♙b6 22. ♖d6 ♙b8 23. ♖e4 ♖a7 24. ♖g5 ♖f4 25. ♙xf4 ♖xf4 26. ♖e6±; 20... ♖xf3 21. ♙g4 ♖f8 22. ♖xc5±) 21. ♖d6 ♙e7 22. ♖f5 ♙d8 23. d6 ♖h8 24. ♖e7± Manelyuk,D (2285)-Goganov,A (2581) Anapa 149/(70) 2021

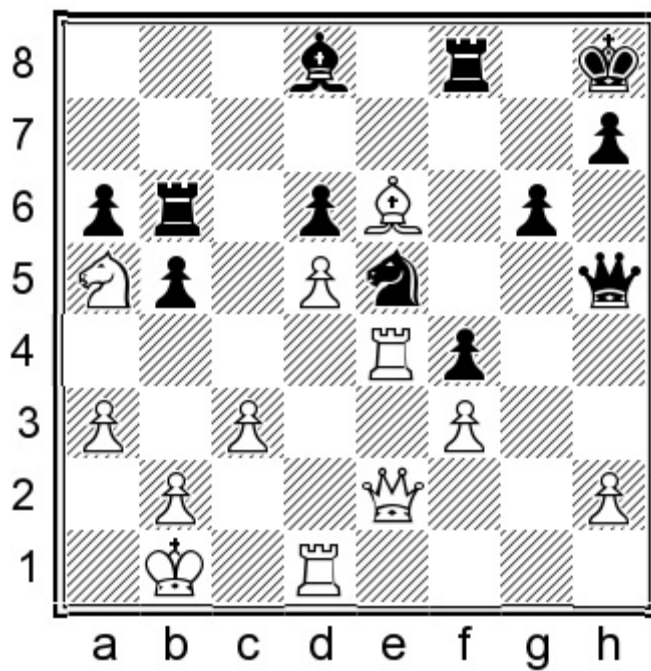
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22...Rab8N

␣22...♙d8 23.♘c6 (23.♘b7 ♙c7 24.♖xe5 ♚xe5 25.♚xe5 dxe5 26.d6 ♙b6 27.d7 g5∞) 23...♘c4
24.♕b1 ♘e3 25.♖h1 ♙b6 26.♘b4 ♖a7∞

23.c3 ♖b6 24.♕b1 ♙d8 25.a3 g6



26.♘c6! ♘xc6

26...♙f6 27.♖xf4±

27.dxc6 ♖xc6 28.♙d7±

28.♔d5 ♖c5 29.♙b7 a5 30.♗xd6±

28...♗b6 29.♗e8 ♚h6 30.♚e4 ♚g7 31.♗e1

31.♔c6 ♚f6 32.♗e6 ♚f5 33.♚xf5 gxf5 34.♗dxd6±

31...♗b8 32.♚c6 ♔f6 33.♗xb8 ♗xb8 34.♔c8

34.♚xd6 ♗d8 35.♗e8+ ♗xe8 36.♔xe8 ♚e7 37.♚xa6±

34...♚f7 35.♔xa6 ♔e5 36.♔xb5 ♔g7 37.a4 ♔h6 38.♔c2 ♚e6 39.♚c4 ♚h3 40.♚e2 ♗c8 41.a5 ♚e6 42.♗a1 ♚d5 43.♚d3

43.a6 ♚c5 44.♗a3 ♚a7 45.♗b3 ♗c7 46.♔c4+-

43...♚c5 44.a6 ♗b8 45.♚c4 ♚f2+ 46.♚e2 ♚c5 47.♗a5

47.♔c4 ♚b6 48.♗a2 ♗e8 49.♚d3 ♚f2+ 50.♚d2 ♚c5 51.♗a4 ♗e7 52.♚e1 ♗c7 53.♔d3+-

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57.♚e2 ♚f6 58.♚f2+-

57...♚xh2+ 58.♔b3 ♚g1 59.♗xa7 ♚xa7 60.♚b7 ♚xb7+ 61.axb7 d5 62.♔b4 ♔g5 63.♔c5 ♔f6

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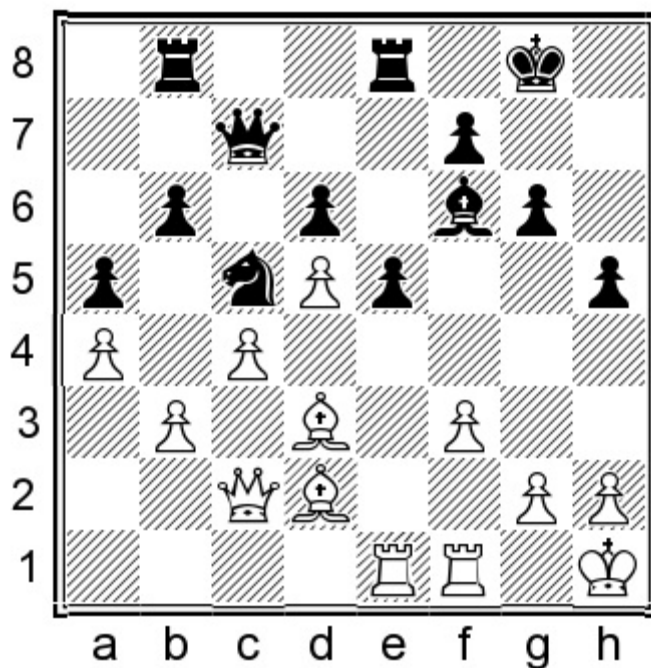
71. B90

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15...♘c5 - 140/(82)

16.♗ae1 ♗c8 17.♚d1 a5 18.a4 ♗b8 19.♔g5 ♘c5 20.♚c2! ♘xb3 21.♚xb3 ♚c7 22.♔d3 ♘d7 23.♚c2 ♔f6 24.♔d2 ♘c5 25.b3



25...♙d8N

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26.f4

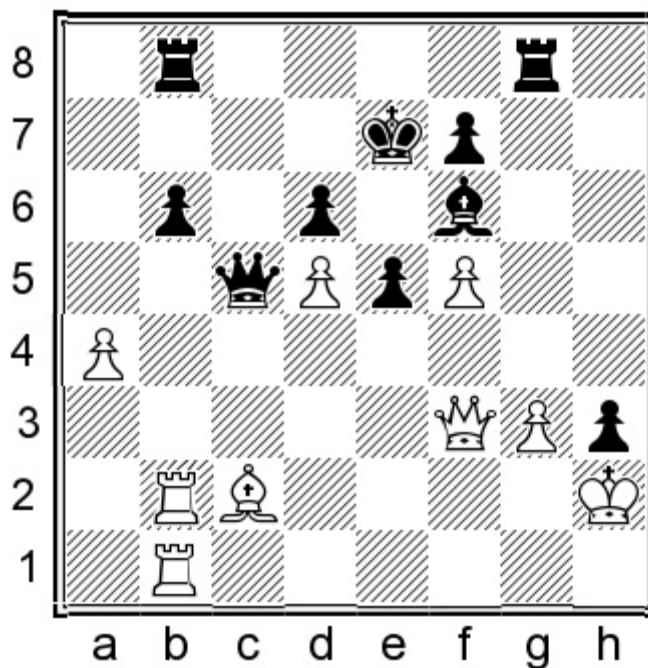
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34.♙e2 ♘c5 35.♙c2 ♙e7 36.♙e4 ♔g7 37.♙c2=

34...♔e8 35.♙e2 ♔d7 36.♔g1 ♙g8 37.♔h2 ♙d8 38.c5 ♘xc5 39.b4! axb4 40.♖xb4 ♔e7 41.♖fb1

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48.♙b3?

48.♙e4 ♖d4 49.♚e2 ♚xa4 50.♙xb6 ♙xb6 51.♙xb6 ♚a7 52.♚b2 ♚a5 53.♙b7+ ♔f8 54.♙b8+ ♔g7=

48...♙bc8 49.♙c2 ♚d4 50.♙d1 ♚b4 51.♙dd2 ♙c5 52.♙e2 ♙gc8 53.♙xc5 ♙xc5

53...♙xc5 54.♚e3 c4 55.♙c2 c3 56.♚d3±

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62...♚g1? 63.♙c3=

63.♙b3 ♚e1

63...♚g1? 64.♙c3=

64.♙f3 ♚d2 65.♔g4

65.♙g2 ♙d8 66.♙e3 ♙f6 67.♔h2 ♚d1-+

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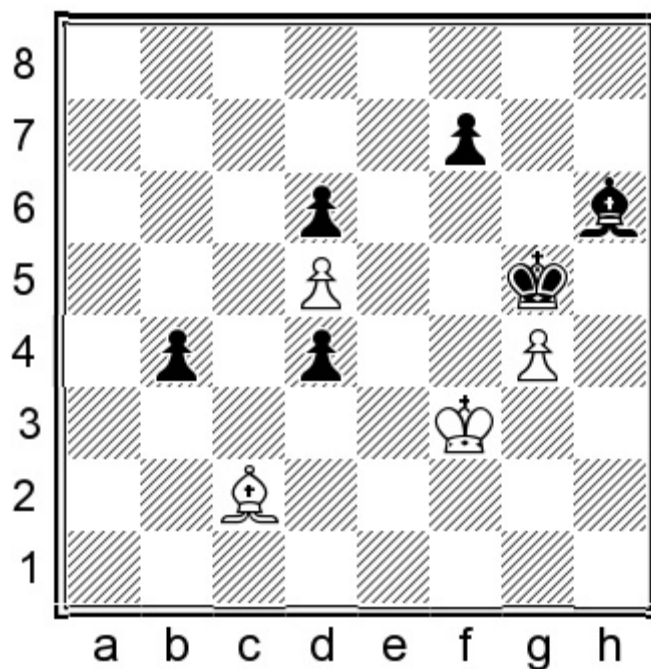
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84...♙e5+ 85.♔f3 ♜g7 86.♙f5 b3 87.♙h7 ♔h4 88.♙e4 ♙f6 89.♙b1 b2-+

85.♔f3



85...♔h4-+ 86.♙f5 b3 87.♔e4 ♙e3 88.♔f3 b2 89.♙d3 ♔h3 90.♙h7 ♔h2 91.♙e4 ♔g1 92.♔e2

92.♙d3 ♔h2 93.♙h7-+

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72. * B90

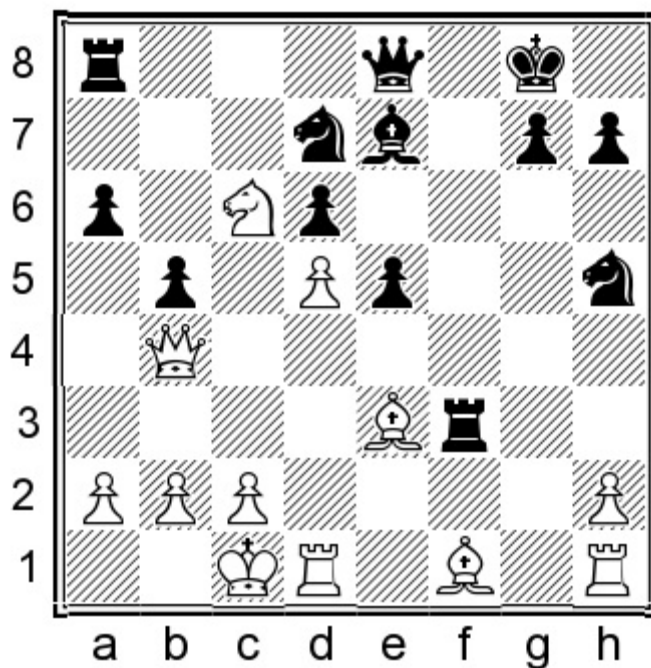
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Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/72, 2021

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17.♘c6 - 134/(72)

17...♙d8

17...♙e7 18.♘c6 ♖xf3

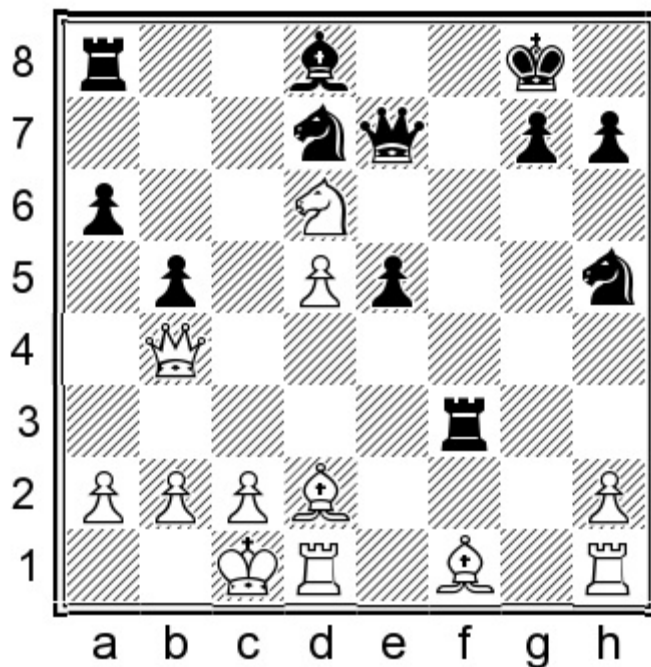


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18.♞b7 ♜xf3 19.♞xd6

19.♚e4 ♜f6 20.♙d3 g6 21.♞xd8 ♜xd8 22.♙g5 ♜a5 23.♙b1 ♜f7+

19...♚e7 20.♙d2



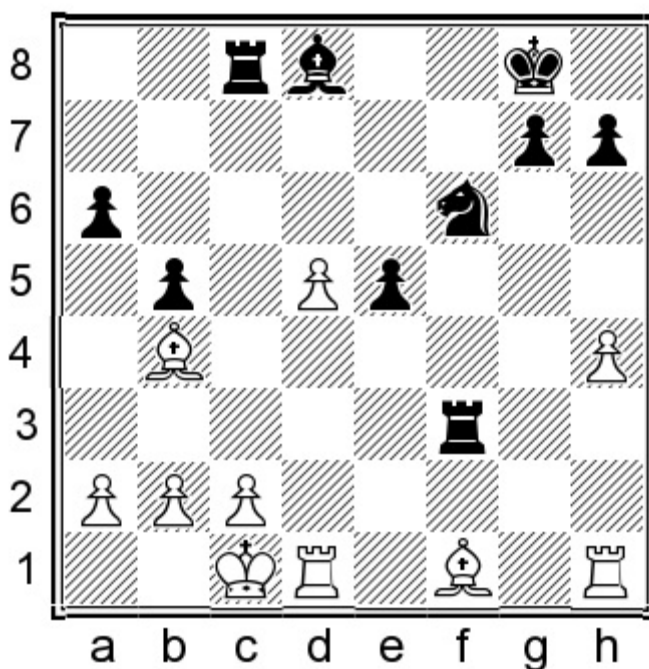
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21.♘e4

21.♘b7 ♔xb4 22.♙xb4 ♙b6 23.♙g2 ♖f2 24.♙h3 g6∞

21...♔xb4 22.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 23.♙xb4 ♖c8 24.h4



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24...♘g4! 25.♙e2

25.♙h3 ♖c4 26.♙e1 ♘f2 27.b3 ♖cf4 28.♙xf2 ♖xf2 29.♙c8 ♖xh4 30.♖xh4 ♙xh4 31.♙xa6 b4=

25...♖f2

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29...♘xd5 30.♙xe5 ♖e8 31.♙g3 ♙e3+ 32.♙d1 ♙h6

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73. B90

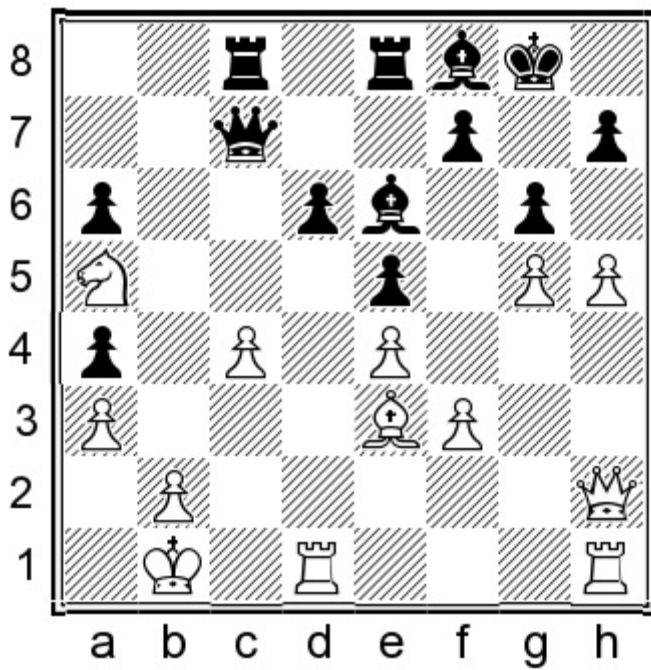
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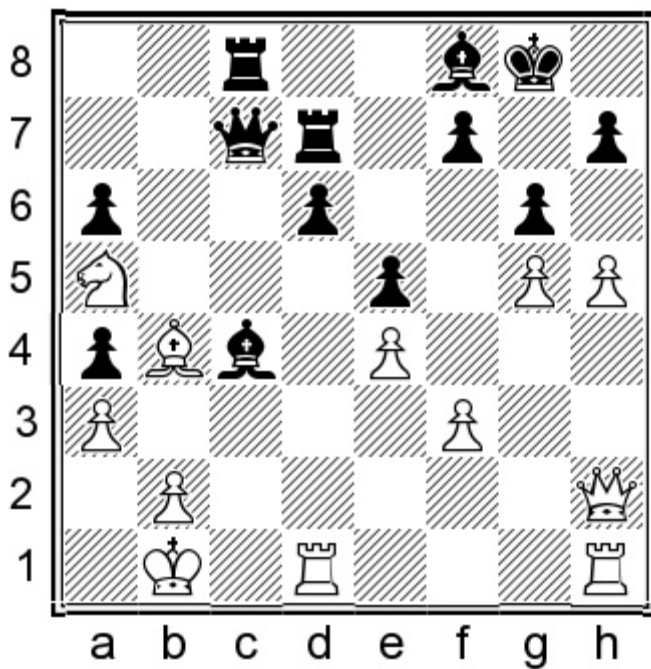
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15...♚c7 - 128/79

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23...♞e7! 24.♙d2 ♙xc4 25.♙b4 ♞d7



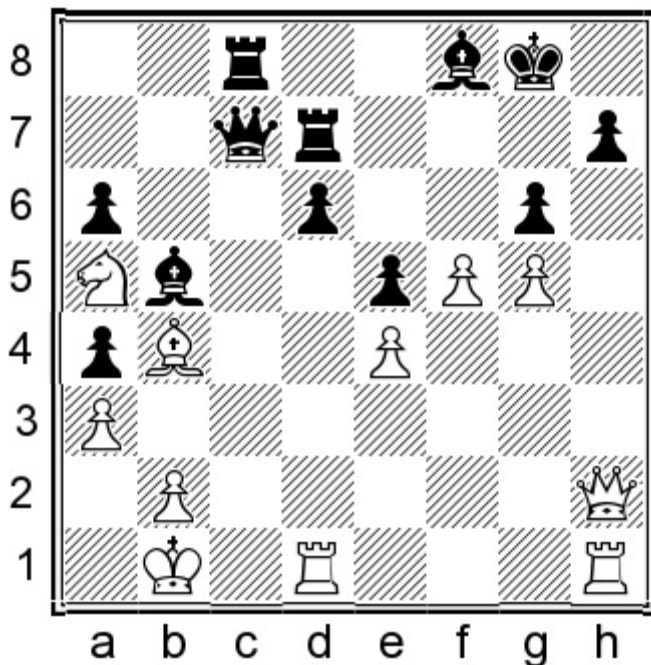
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26...♙b5

26...♙e6 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.fxe5 dxe5 29.♖c1 ♜b8 30.♖xc8 ♜xc8 31.♞xe5 ♞f7 32.♙xf8 ♞xf8 33.♜b7 ♞c4 34.♜c5 ♞a2+ 35.♜c1 ♞c4+ 36.♜b1 ♞a2+ 37.♜c1=

27.hxg6 fxg6 28.f5



28...♞g7! 29.f6 ♞f7 30.♞d2 ♞d7 31.♞d5 ♙e2

31...h6 32.♜a1 ♙e2 33.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 34.♖xc1 ♙g4 35.♜c6 ♙e6 36.♞d2 h5∞; 31...h5 32.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 33.♖xc1 h4 34.♜c6 h3 35.♜e7+ ♙xe7 36.fxe7 ♞xe7 37.♙xd6 ♞e8 38.♙xe5 ♙d7=

32.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 33.♖xc1 h5

33...♙g4 34.♜c6 h6 35.♜e7+ ♙xe7 36.fxe7 ♞xe7 37.♙xd6 ♞e6=

34.♜c4 ♙xc4 35.♖xc4 h4 36.♖c2 h3 37.♜a2 ♜h8?!

37...♞b5 38.♞e6 ♞d7=; 37...♞b7 38.♞c4 (38.♞d3 ♞h7 39.♞h2 ♞f7+ 40.♜b1 ♞b3 41.♙c3 ♞h5 42.♞xh3 ♞xh3 43.♞xh3 ♞d1+ 44.♜a2 ♞b3+=) 38...♞b5=

38.♞d2

38.♞h2! ♞h7 (38...♜g8 39.♞h1±) 39.♙c3 ♞h4 40.♙b4 ♞h7 41.♞c4 ♞h5 42.♙d2±

38...♞h7= 39.♙xd6

39.♞h2 ♞g4 40.♞h1 ♞d7=

39...♞xd6

39...h2 40.♙xf8 ♞xd5+ 41.♖xd5 h1=♞ 42.♞d8 ♜g8 43.♙h6+ ♜f7 44.♞d7+ ♜e6 45.♞xh7 ♞xe4 46.f7 ♞d5+ 47.♜b1 ♞d1+=

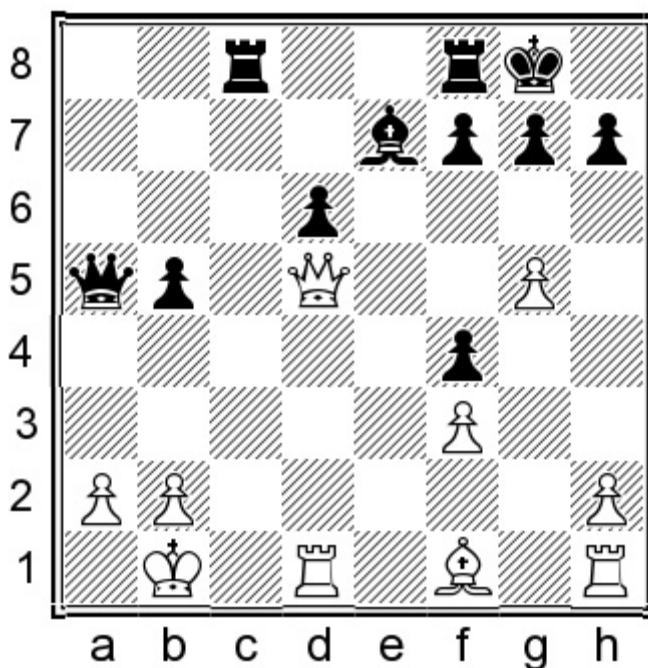
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74. *** !N B90**

Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751)
Saint Louis 149/74, 2021

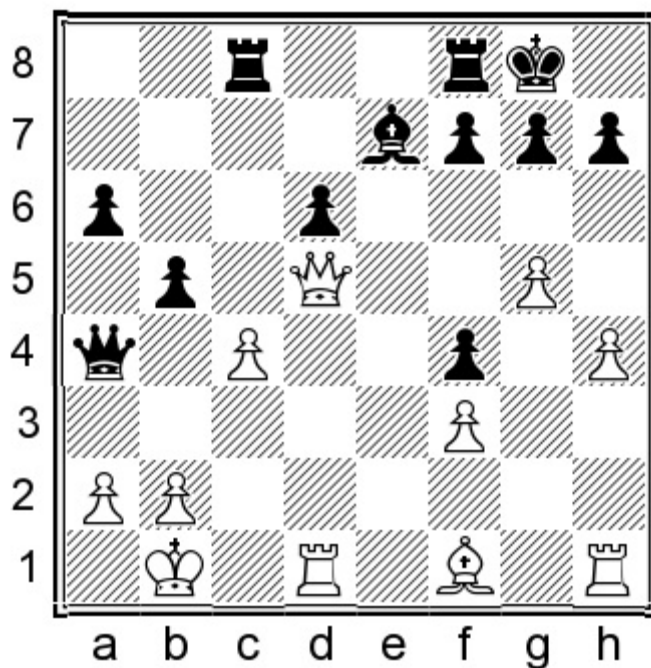
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20.cxb5 axb5



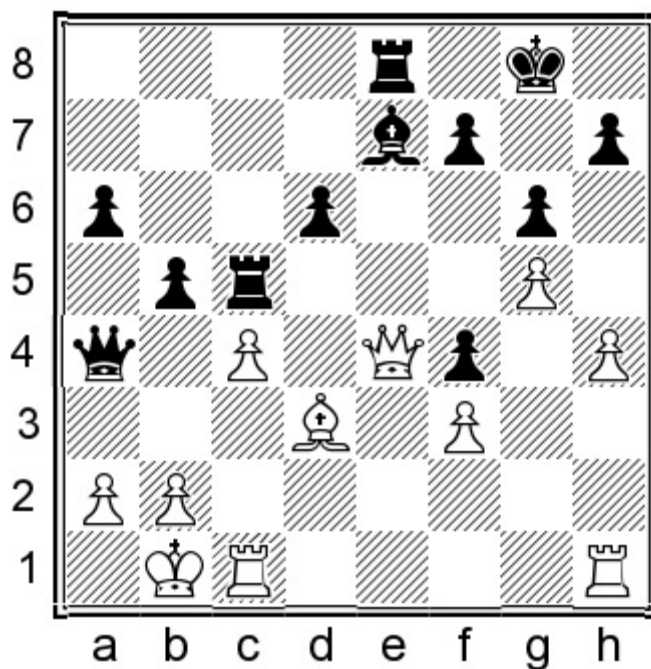
21.♔xb5N (21.h4 - 134/72) 21...♔a7 22.h4 ♖c5 23.♔a6 ♔c7 24.♙d3 ♖b8 25.♖c1 d5∞
 Areshchenko,A (2687)-Shankland,S (2709) Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/(74) 2021

20...♔a4

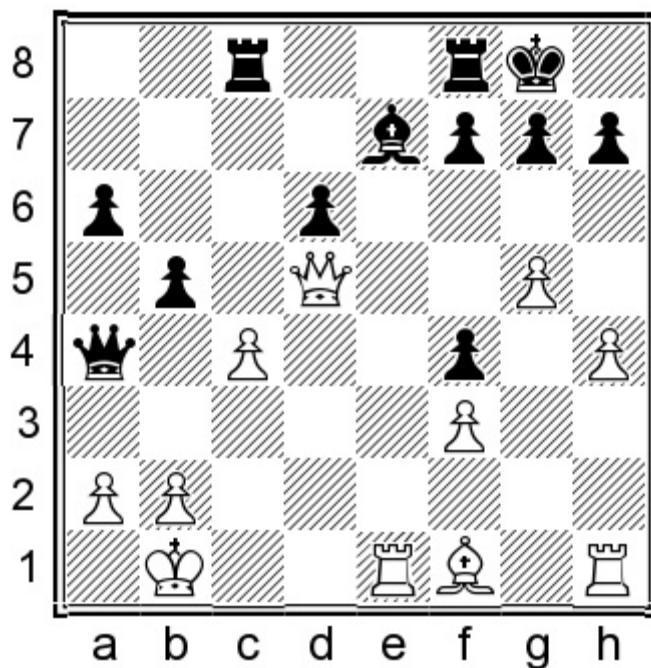


21.♙d3!N

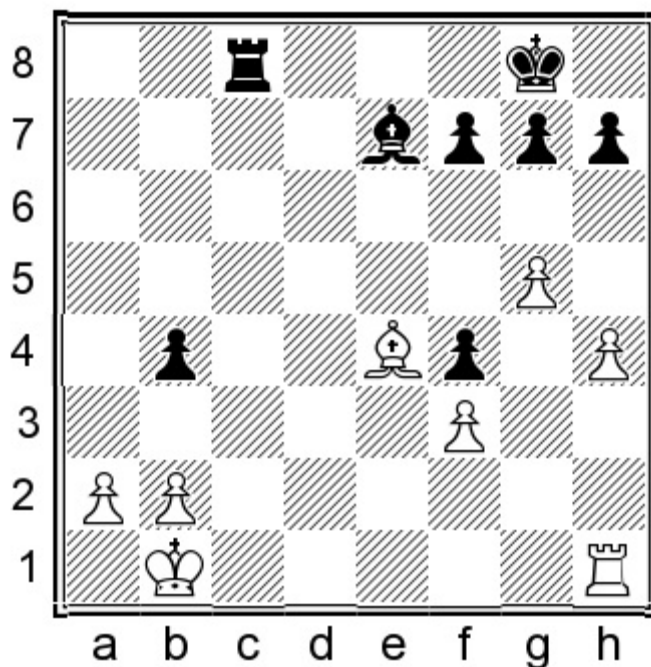
21.♖c1 - 149/(74) 21...♜fe8 22.♙d3 ♜c5 23.♚e4 g6



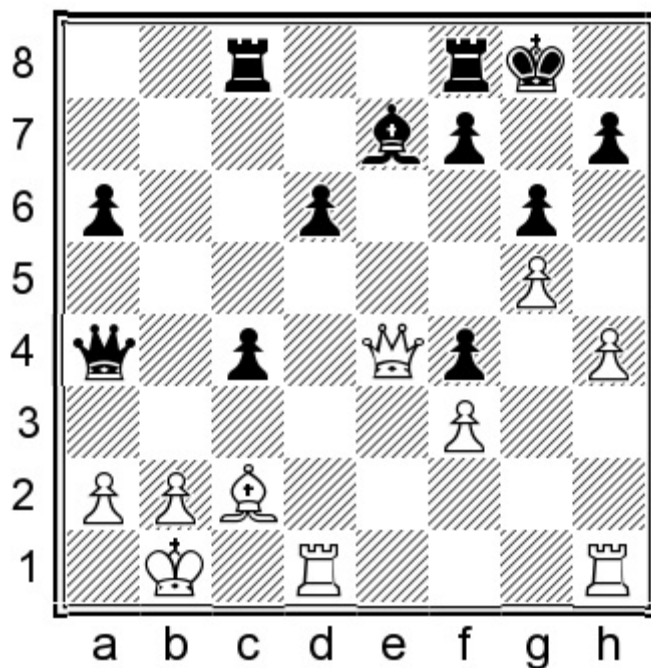
24.h5N (24.cxb5 axb5=) 24...♜e5 25.♚b7 (25.♚d4 ♙xg5 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.♚xd6 ♜5e6 28.♚c5 ♙e7 29.♚g1 ♚b4=) 25...bxc4 26.♙xc4 ♙g7 27.a3 ♜d8 28.h6+ ♙g8 29.♜he1 ♚d7 30.♚xd7 1/2 (30) Bernaert,N-Wojcik,W corr 149/(74) 2021 (30.♚xd7 ♜xd7 31.♙xa6 ♙xg5 32.♜c8+ ♜d8 33.♜xd8+ ♙xd8=)21.♜e1



- 149/(74) 21...♖c5 - 149/(74) (21...♖c7N 22.♗e4 ♜c5 23.♚d4 ♞e8 24.♙e2 bxc4 25.♙xc4 ♞c6 26.♙b3 d5 27.♗e2 ♜c8 28.a4 ♞b7 29.♙a2 ♞b8 30.♚d1 ♙f8 31.♗he1 g6∞ Haugen,A-Radhey Derling,D corr 149/(74) 2021) 22.♚d2 ♞e5 23.cxb5 axb5 24.♗xe5 dxe5 25.♚d5 ♜c8 26.♙d3 e4 27.♚xe4 ♚xe4 28.♙xe4 b4



29.♗d1N (29.♗e1) 29...g6= 30.♗d7 ♙f8 31.♗b7 1/2 (31) Bullen,A-Di Muro,L corr 149/(74) 2021
21...bxc4 22.♚e4 g6 23.♙c2



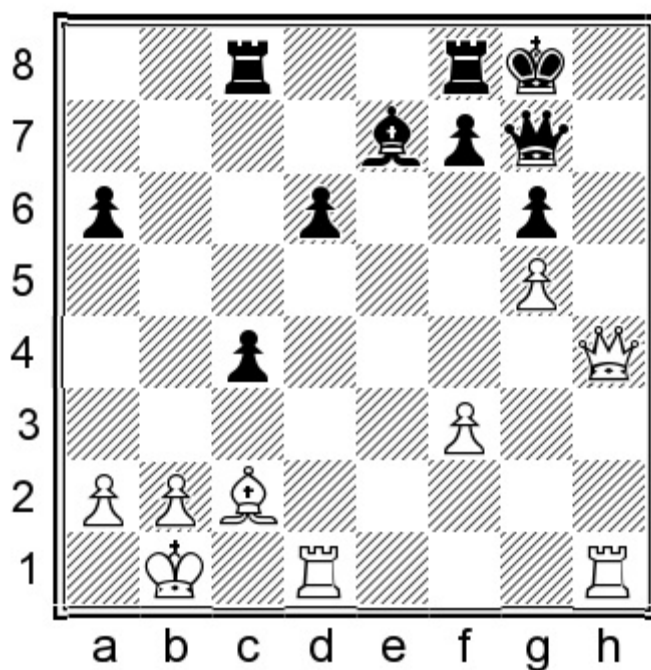
23...Qd7??N

23...Qe8! - 149/ (74) 24. Bde1 (24.h5? Qxg5) 24...Rc7 25.h5 d5 26.Qe5 (26.Qxd5? Qb5!?) 26...Qc6 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Rh6 Qd6 29.Qxg6 Qxe5 30.Qxh7+ Kg7 31.Qxe5 Qxg5= Anokhin,Y-Schreiber,E corr 149/(74) 2020

24.h5 Qe6 25.hxg6 hxg6?

25...Qxe4 26.gxf7+ Qxf7 27.Qxe4 Rc5 28.Rxh7+ Qe6 29.Rh6+ Qd7 30.g6±

26.Qxf4 Qe5 27.Qh4 Qg7



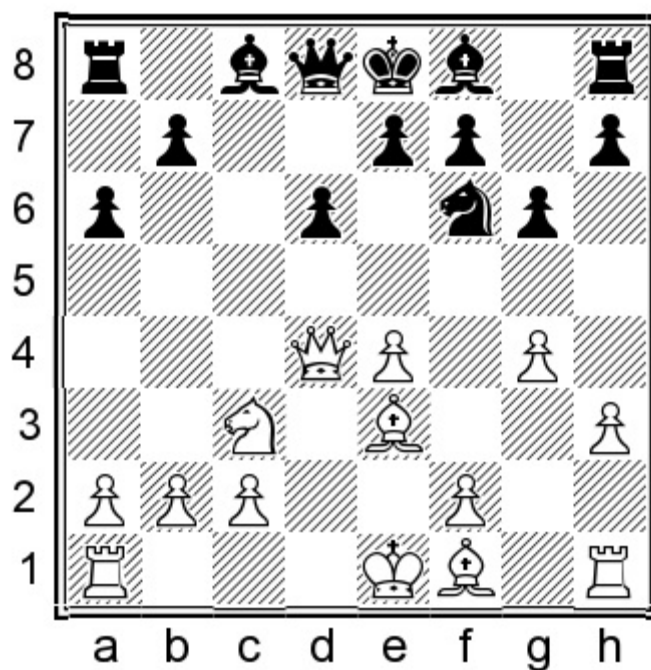
28.Rd2! Rc5 29.f4 f6 30.Rdh2 fxg5 31.Qe1 Qf6 32.Rh6 Qb7 33.Qe6+ 1-0

75. * B90

Karjakin, Sergey (2757) - Shankland, Samuel L (2709)

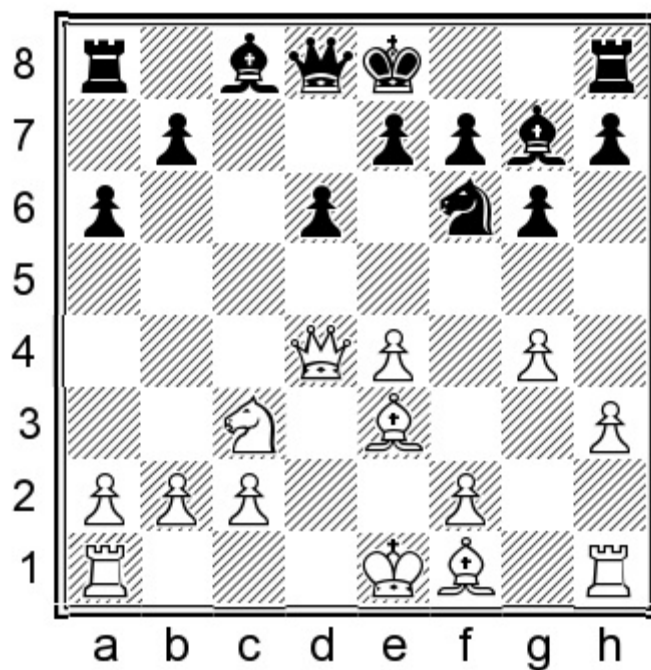
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/75, 2021

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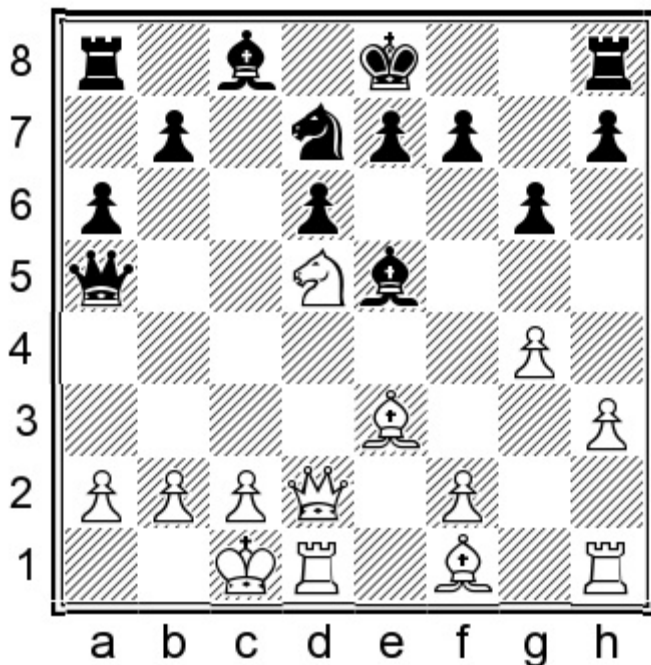
9.♙xd4 - 138/97

9...♙g7



10.O-O-O!?N - 149/75

10.♖b4; 10.e5N ♘d7 11.O-O-O ♙xe5 12.♗d2 ♚a5 (12...O-O 13.f4 ♙g7 14.♙g2) 13.♘d5



13...♗xd2+?! (13...♗xa2 14.♗b4 (14.c3 ♗a1+= 15.♙c2 ♗a4+ 16.♙c1 ♗a1+=) 14...b5 15.♘c7+ ♙f8 16.♘xa8 ♙b7 17.♙h6+ ♙g7 18.♙xg7+ ♙xg7 19.♗c3+ e5 20.♙xd6 ♙xh1 21.♙xd7 ♙xa8 22.♗xe5+ ♙g8 23.♙d3 ♗a1+ 24.♙d2 ♙f8) 14.♙xd2 ♙d8 15.f4 ♙g7 16.♙g2 a5 17.a4 ♙a6 18.♙f1 ♙c6 19.♙b5± Karjakin,S (2757)-Shankland,S (2709) Krasnaya Polyana (m/5-rapid) 149/(75) 2021

10...♙e6?!

10...O-O 11.e5 ♘d7 12.f4 dxe5 13.fxe5 (13.♗b4!?) 13...♙xe5 14.♗b4↑

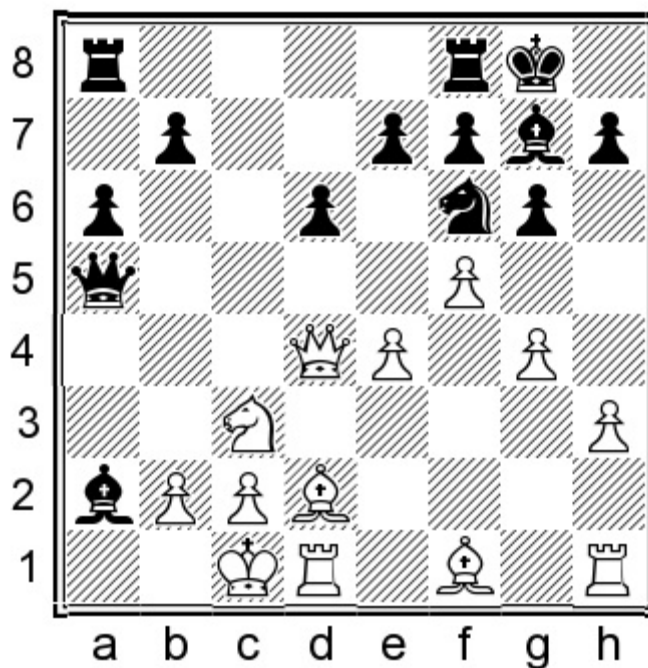
11.f4 ♗a5 12.f5± ♙xa2

12...♙d7 13.g5 ♘h5 14.f6 exf6 (14...♘xf6 15.gxf6 ♙xf6 16.♗b6+-) 15.♗xd6 ♙c6 16.♙d5! ♙xd5 17.♙b6+-

13.♙d2?!

13.g5! ♘h5 14.f6 ♘xf6 15.gxf6 ♙xf6 16.♗a4+ ♗xa4 17.♘xa4 ♙e6 18.♘b6+-

13...O-O?!



13...Rc8 14.Nxb5 (14.g5 Nxe4 15.Wxe4 Qe6 16.Wa4+ Wxa4 17.Nxa4 Qxf5 18.Qc3 Qxc3 19.Nxc3±)
14...Wd8 15.Na7 Rc5 16.Wa4+ Nd7 17.Wxa2 O-O 18.h4 Wb6 19.Qb1 Wxa7 20.h5↑

14.Nd5!+- Nd5

14...Wd8 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Wa4+-

15.Qxa5 Qxd4 16.Rxd4 Ne3 17.Qd2

17.Ra4 Qe6 18.fxe6 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 fxe6 20.Rxf8+ Rxf8 21.Rc4+-

**17...Nxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Rfc8 19.b3 Rc6 20.Ra1 Qxb3 21.cxb3 Rac8 22.Qe3 Rc2 23.f6 exf6 24.Rxd6
Rh2 25.Rxf6 Rxb3+ 26.Rf3 Rh2**

26...Rxf3+ 27.Qxf3 Rc5 28.Qd2+-

**27.Rd1 Rb2 28.Rd3 h6 29.Qf4 g5+ 30.Qf5 Re2 31.Qd8 Qh7 32.Qf6 b5 33.Rd7 Qg8 34.b4 Ra2
35.Rd8+ Rxd8 36.Qxd8 Rd2 37.Qf6 Qf8 38.Rc3 Rf2+ 39.Qe5 Qe8 40.Rd3 1-0**

76. !N B90

Hasanzade, Toghrul (2317) - Ter Sahakyan, Samvel (2644)
Veliko Gradiste 149/76, 2021

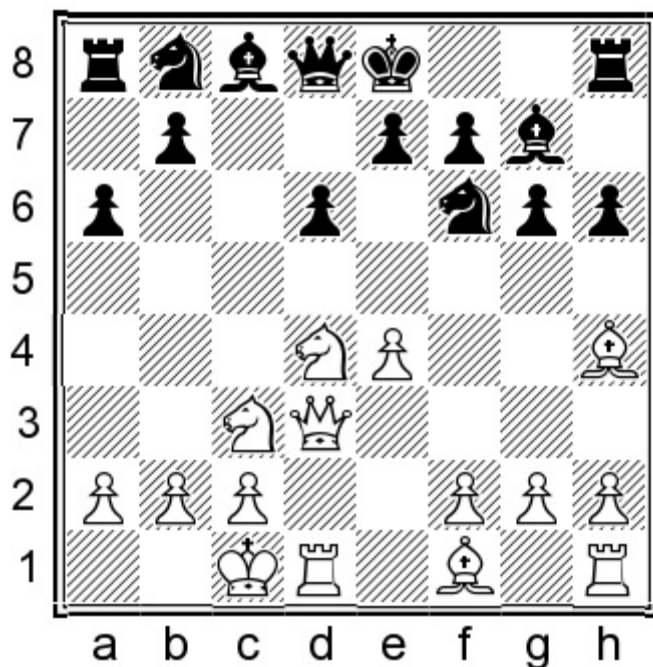
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6...Nbd7 - 147/66

7.Qg5 Qg7 8.O-O-O h6

8...Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e5 Nd5 11.exd6 (11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Wxd5 Qe6 13.Wc6+ Qd7 14.We4 Qxe5∞)
11...Wxd6 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Wxd5±

9.♔h4



9...♘c6!N

9...♙d7

10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.e5 ♘d5 12.♘xd5

12.exd6 ♙xd6 13.♘xd5 cxd5 - 12.Nd5

12...cxd5 13.exd6 ♙xd6 14.♙xd5

14.♙g3 ♙f6 15.♙a3 O-O 16.♙xd5 ♙e6+

14...♙f4+ 15.♙d2

15.♙b1 O-O 16.♙xe7 (16.♙g3 ♙f6 17.c3 ♙f5+ 18.♙d3 ♙fd8 19.♙f3 ♙xd3! 20.♙xd3 ♙d8 21.♙d1 ♙e6+) 16...♙b8! 17.b3 ♙e6 (17...♙e8 18.♙d6 ♙e5 19.♙c5 ♙b7 20.♙d8 ♙d7 21.♙xd7 ♙xd7 22.♙a5 ♙g7 23.♙c3 ♙c8 24.♙b4 ♙xf2 25.♙c4 ♙xg2 26.♙e1 ♙f5 27.♙xf7+ ♙h7 28.♙xg7 ♙xg7 29.♙c4 ♙xc2+ 30.♙a1 h5 31.♙e7+ ♙h6 32.♙e3+ ♙h7 33.♙e7+=) 18.♙d6 ♙xf2 19.♙c5 (19.♙xf8? ♙xb3!-+) 19...♙fd8! 20.♙d3 ♙d4

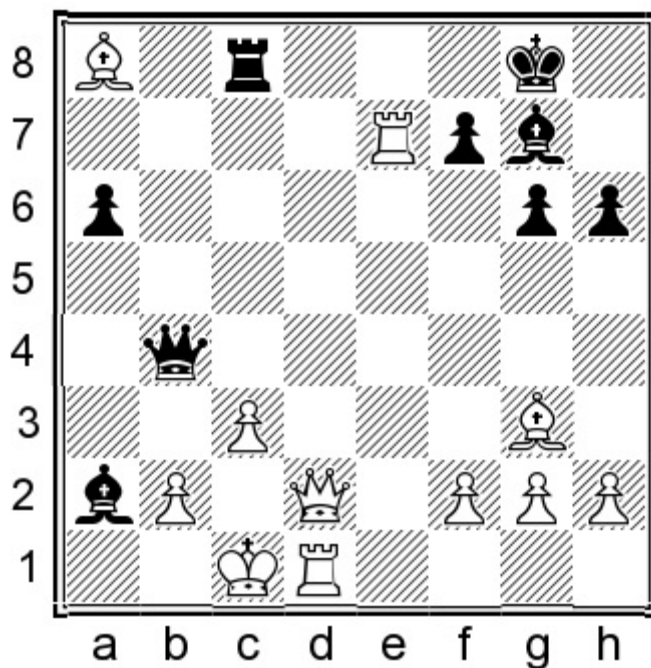
15...♙c7 16.♙g3

16.♙d3 O-O 17.♙he1 ♙b8 18.c3 e5 19.♙e4 ♙e6 20.♙a4 a5

16...♙b6 17.c3 ♙e6 18.♙d3 O-O 19.♙he1 ♙xa2 20.♙xe7 ♙fc8 21.♙e4

21.♙e3 ♙d4 22.♙e4 ♙xc3 23.bxc3 ♙xc3+ 24.♙c2 ♙ac8 25.♙e8+ ♙xe8 26.♙xe8+ ♙h7 27.♙b8 ♙xc2+ 28.♙xc2 ♙b3+ 29.♙d3 ♙xb8 30.♙xb8 ♙xd1 31.♙c7 ♙g7

21...♙b4! 22.♙xa8?



22..♙d6 ♜xc3 23.♙xb4 ♜xb4+ 24.♙c2 ♜xe7 (24...♙xd2+ 25.♞xd2 ♞ab8=) 25.♞e3 ♜e6

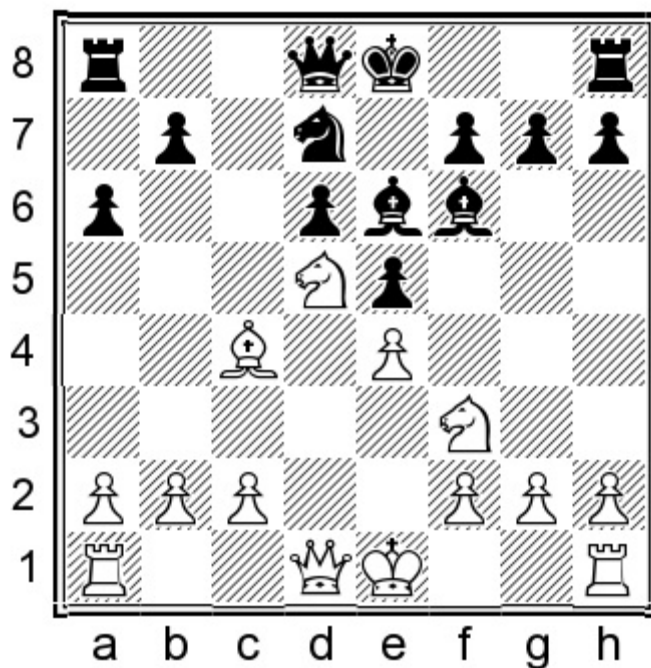
22...♞xc3+!-+ 23.♞xc3 ♜xc3 24.♞e2 ♜f6 25.♜e5 ♜xe5 26.♞d8+ ♔g7 27.♞xe5 ♞f4+ 28.♞e3 ♞c7+ 0-1

77. B92

Sevian, Samuel (2660) - Hakobyan, Aram (2598)

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1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♜e2 e5 7.♘f3 ♜e7 8.♜g5 ♜e6 9.♜xf6 ♜xf6 10.♘d5 ♘d7 11.♜c4



11.O-O - 134/(79)

11...♘b6N

11...O-O

12.♘xf6+

12.♘xb6 ♖xb6 13.♙xe6 fxe6 14.O-O O-O=

12...♖xf6 13.♙b3 ♖d8 14.♖e2 O-O 15.O-O-O

15.O-O ♙g4 16.♖fd1 ♙xf3 17.♖xf3 ♖xf3 18.gxf3 ♖d7 19.♖d2 ♖c8 20.♖ad1 ♖c6=

15...♖fe8 16.♖he1 ♖d7 17.♙b1 ♖c8 18.h4?!

18.♘d2 ♖dc7 19.c3 ♖c5 20.♖d3 ♖d8 21.♙xe6 ♖xe6 22.g3 h6=

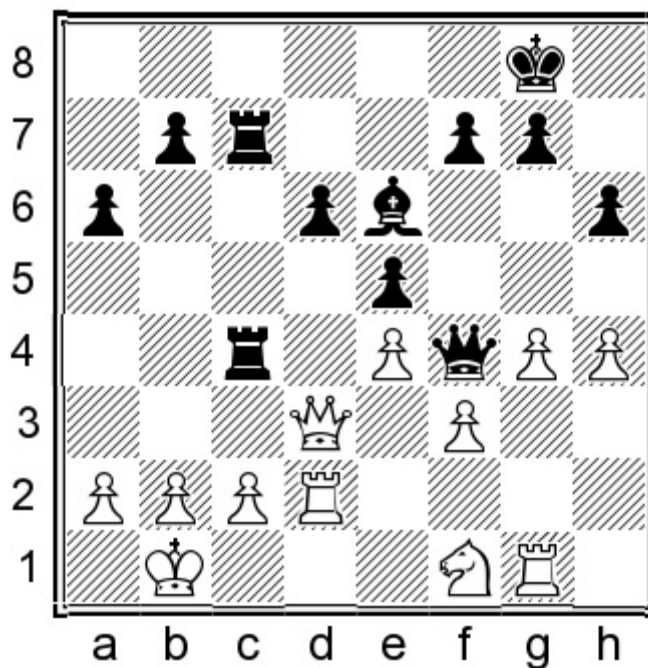
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19...♙g4+ 20.♖d2 ♖c6 21.♖d3 ♖dc7 22.♘h2 ♙e6 23.g4?!

23.♖g3 a5 24.♘f1 ♘c4 25.♙xc4 ♖xc4 26.f3 ♖d4 27.♖f2 d5 28.♖xd4 exd4+

23...♖f4+ 24.♘f1 ♘c4 25.♙xc4 ♖xc4 26.f3



26...d5! 27.exd5 ♖d4 28.♖e2 ♖xd5

28...♙xd5 29.♖xd4 exd4 30.♘d2 (30.g5 ♖c6 31.gxh6 ♖xh6-+) 30...♖e3-+

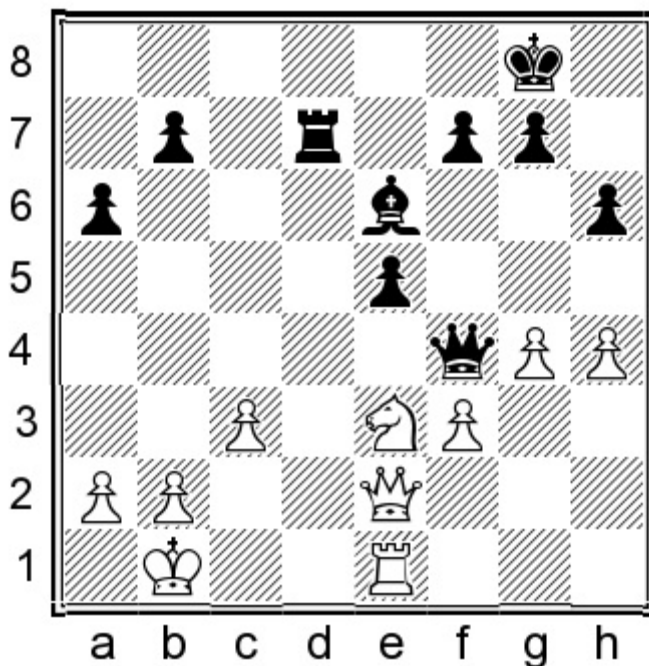
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29...♖xd2 30.♖xd2 ♜d7 31.♖e2 ♜d4

31...e4!? 32.fxe4 ♜d4 33.♘f5 ♖xe4 34.♖d3 ♙xf5 35.gxf5 ♖xf5-+

32.c3 ♜d7 33.♖e1



33...h5!

33...e4 34.fxe4 ♖xe4+ 35.♔c1 ♙xa2-+

34.gxh5 ♖xh4 35.♘g4 e4?!

35...f6 36.h6 gxh6 37.♖g1 ♔f7+

36.♖xe4 ♖xh5 37.♖e5?!

37.♖f4 ♖d5 38.♔c1 f6 (38...♖xa2? 39.♘f6+ gxf6 40.♖b8+ ♔h7 41.♖h1+-) 39.b3 ♙f7 40.♖g1 ♔f8+

37...♖xe5 38.♘xe5

38.♖xe5 ♜d1+ 39.♔c2 ♖f1 40.♖e3 ♙d5-+

38...♖d2 39.b3 f6+ 40.♘c4

40.♘g4 ♔f7 41.c4 ♙f5+ 42.♔a1 ♙d7 43.♘e3 g5 44.♘d5 ♙c6 45.♖e7+ ♔g6+

40...♙xc4 41.bxc4 ♔f7 42.c5 g5 43.♖e4 ♜d3 44.f4 ♖xc3 45.fxg5 fxg5 46.♖b4 ♖xc5 47.♖xb7+ ♔g6-+ 48.♖b6+ ♔h5 49.♖xa6 g4 50.♖d6 g3 51.♔b2 ♖f5

51...g2 52.♖d1 ♖g5 53.♖g1 ♔h4 54.a4 ♔g3 55.♔b3 ♖g4!-+

52.♖d1 ♔g4 53.♔c3 ♖f4 54.♖g1 ♔h3 55.♖h1+ ♔g2 56.♖d1 ♔h2 57.♔b3 g2 58.a4 g1=♖ 59.♖xg1

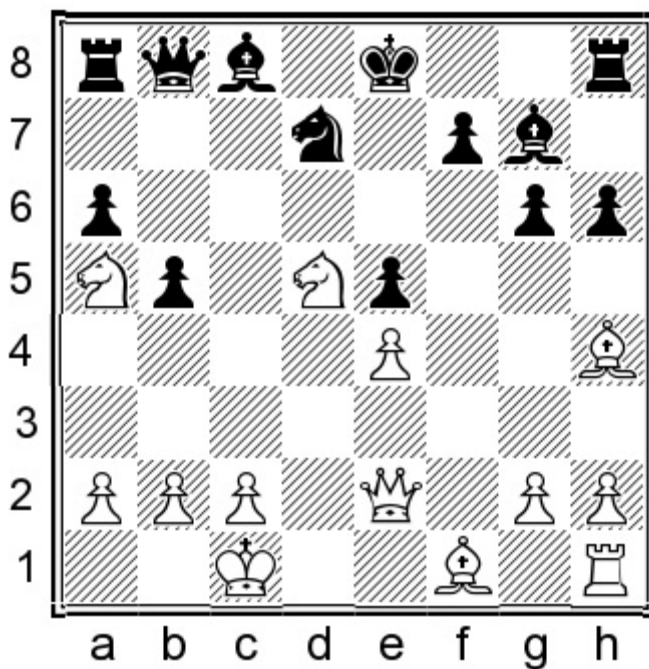
♔xg1 60.a5 ♕f2 61.a6 ♖f6 0-1

78. * B94

Shevchenko, Kirill (2605) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696)

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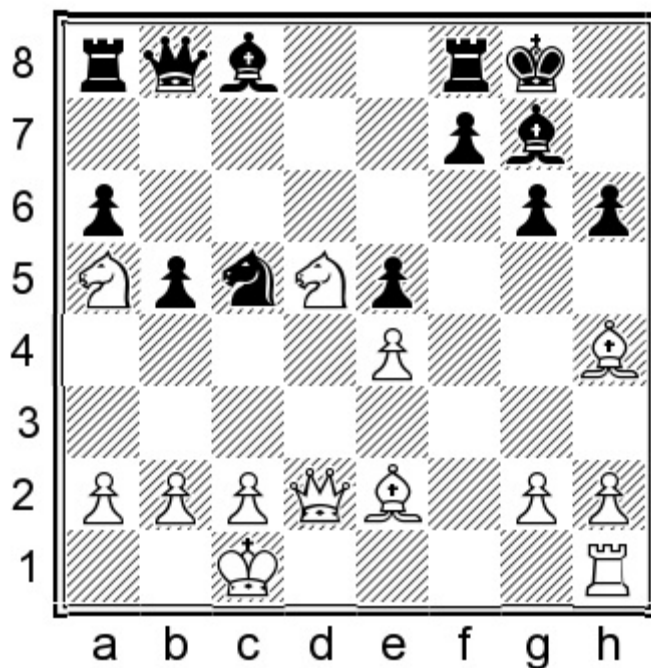
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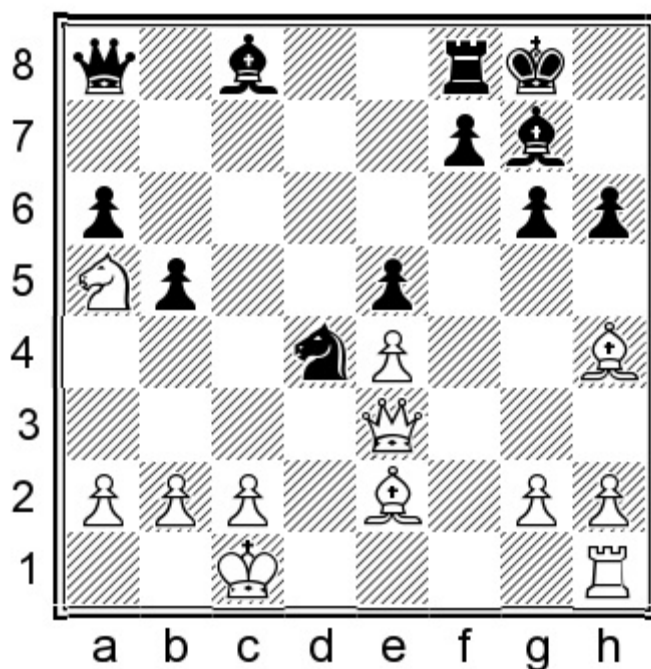
15...♙c5 - 142/85

16.♙e7N

16.♚d2 - 149/(78) 16...O-O= 17.♙e2 (17.♘c6 ♜b7 18.♙a5 ♜b8=) 17...♘c5=



18.♖e3?!N (18.♘c6 ♜b7 19.♘a5 (19.♜b4 ♘e6+) 19...♜a7 (19...♜b8=) 20.♘c6 ♜d7 21.♖e3 ♘e6+) 18...♘e6 19.♘b6 ♘d4 (19...♘f4!? 20.♙f3 g5 21.♙e1 g4+) 20.♘xa8 ♜xa8

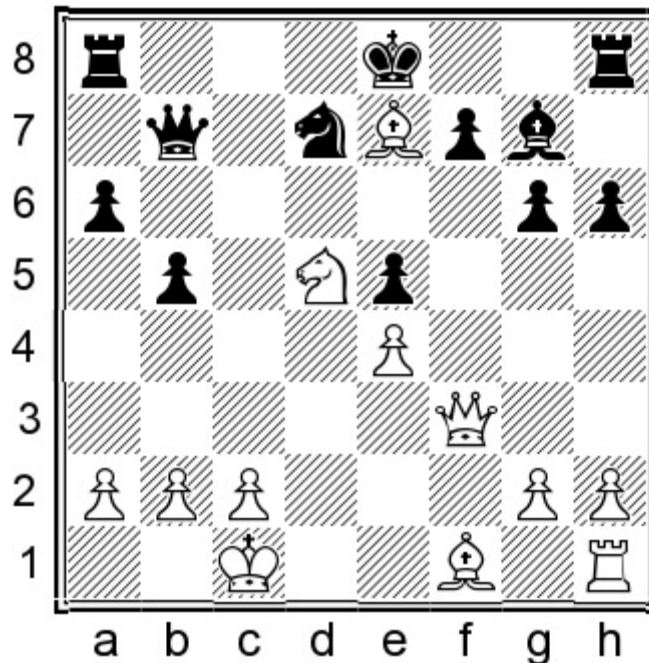


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16...♙b7

♠16...♘b6!? 17.♙b4 (17.g3 ♘xd5 18.exd5 ♜c7 19.♙b4 ♙f8 20.♙d2 ♙d6+) 17...♘xd5 18.exd5 ♙d7 19.g4 (19.g3 ♙f8 20.♙c3 (20.♙d2!?) 20...♙d6 21.♘c6 ♜c7 22.♘xe5 O-O 23.♘xd7 ♜xd7 24.♜f3∞) 19...♙f8 (19...h5 20.♘c6 ♙xc6 21.dxc6 hxg4 22.♙g2) 20.♙c3 ♙d6 21.♘c6 ♜c7 22.♙g2 O-O 23.♙d2 ♘g7 24.♜e3 ♞h8 25.♙f3

17.♘xb7 ♖xb7 18.♚f3



18.♚f2 ♔f8 19.♚h4 (19.♔f6?! ♔c5 20.♚f3 ♘xf6 21.♘xf6+ ♔f8+) 19...♖c8 20.♔f6 ♖g8 21.♔e2 ♚c6 22.♔d1=

18...♘b6?

18...♔f8?! 19.♔f6 ♖h7 20.♔e2 ♖c8 21.♔b1 ♔g7 22.♔h4 ♘b6 23.♖d1 ♘xd5 24.exd5↑; 18...♖c8 19.♔d3 ♘b6 20.♔f6 ♘xd5 21.♔xg7 ♖h7 22.♔xe5 ♚e7 23.♔d4 ♘b4 24.♖d1 ♘xd3+ 25.♖xd3 ♚g5+ 26.♔e3 ♚e7=

19.♔f6 ♘xd5

19...♔xf6? 20.♚xf6+-; 19...♖h7 20.♔xg7 ♘xd5 (20...♖xg7 21.♚f6+-) 21.♔xe5±

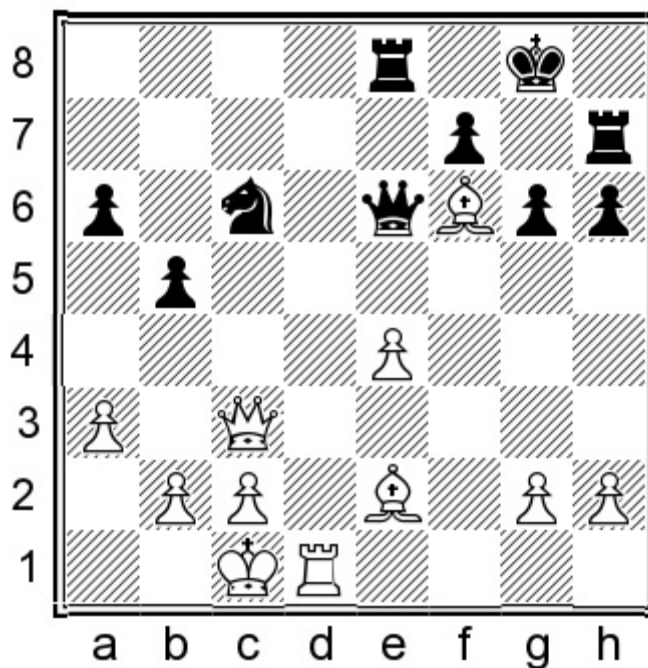
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23.a3 ♘c6 24.♔f6 ♚e6 25.♔e2 - 23.Bf6

23...♚e6 24.a3 ♘c6 25.♔e2 ♔f8 26.♖d1 ♖e8 27.♚c3

27.♚f4 g5 (27...♚xe4 28.♚d6+ ♔g8 29.♔f3 ♚e3+ 30.♔b1 ♘e5 31.♔d5 ♚e2 32.♖c1 ♘c4 33.♚c6±) 28.♚f2 ♔g8 29.♔b1 ♚xe4 30.♔f3 ♚f4 31.♔c3 ♘e5 32.♖e1 g4 33.♚h4 f6 34.♔xg4±

27...♔g8



28. ♕g4! ♜xg4

28... ♖d4 29. ♜xd4 (29. ♕xe6? ♜e2+ 30. ♖d2 ♜xc3 31. ♕xc3 fxe6 32. ♖e3 ♜a7 33. ♕e5) 29... ♜xg4 30. b3 ♜xg2 31. e5±

29. ♜xc6 ♜f8

29... ♜c8 30. ♜b6 ♜b8 31. ♜f2 ♜xh2 32. e5±

30. e5+- h5 31. h4 g5 32. hxg5 h4 33. ♜d6 ♜e8

33...h3? 34. ♜xf8+! ♜xf8 35. ♜d8#

34. ♜c6 ♜f8 35. ♜d6 ♜e8 36. ♜d8 ♜e6 37. ♜d3 h3 38. g6 ♜h6 39. gxf7+ ♜xf7 40. gxh3 ♜xh3 41. ♜e4 ♜g8 42. ♜f1 ♜b8 43. ♕h4+ 1-0

79. B96

Pichot, Alan (2630) - Saric, Ivan (2653)

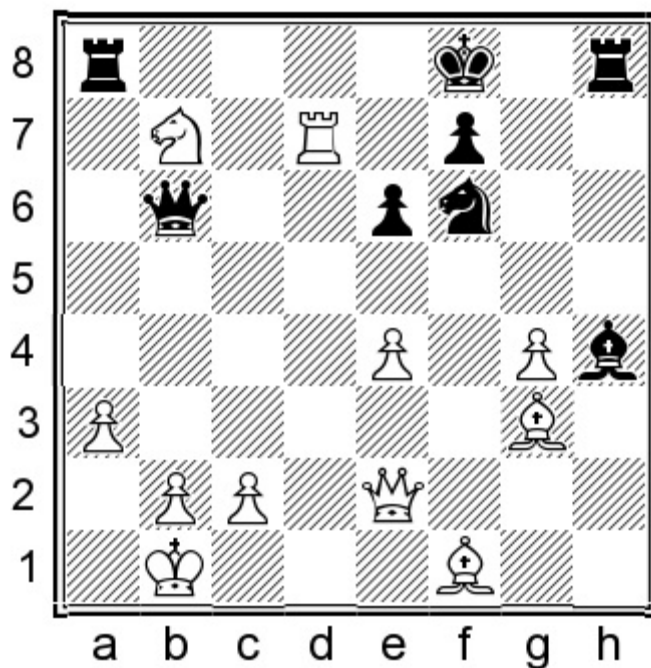
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/79, 2021

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 a6 6. ♕g5 ♖bd7 7. ♜e2 e6 8. f4 ♜c7 9. O-O-O b5 10. a3 ♕b7 11. g4 ♕e7 12. ♖b1

12. ♕h4 - 141/88

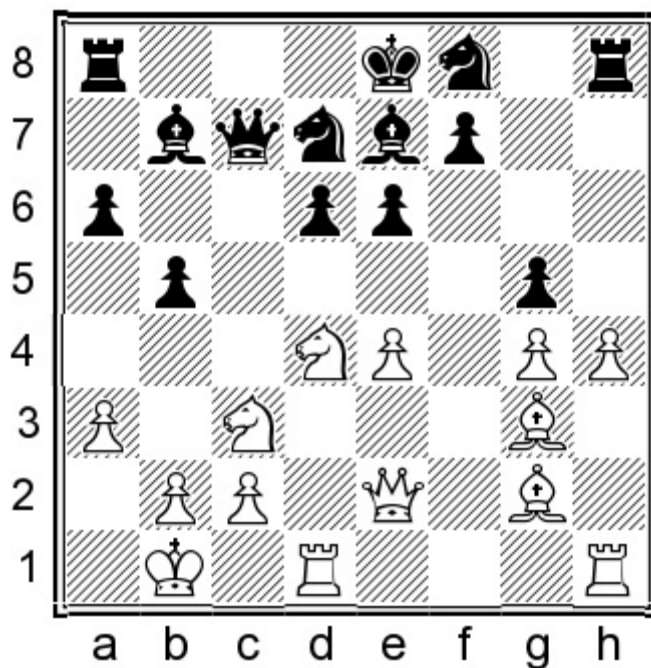
12...h6 13. ♕h4 g5 14. fxe5 ♖h7 15. ♕g3 hxe5 16. h4! ♖hf8

16...gxh4 17. ♜xh4! ♕xh4 18. ♖dxb5! axb5 19. ♖xb5 ♜d8 20. ♖xd6+ ♖f8 21. ♖xb7 ♜b6 22. ♜xd7 ♖f6



(22...♙xg3 23.♚f3 ♘g5 24.♚f6 ♖h7 25.♚e7+ ♔g8 26.♚xg5+ ♖g7 27.♚f6±) 23.♙c7! ♚c6 24.♙d6+ ♔g8 25.♖c7 ♚xe4 26.♙e5 ♚xe2 27.♙xe2± Negi,Parimarjan

17.♙g2!



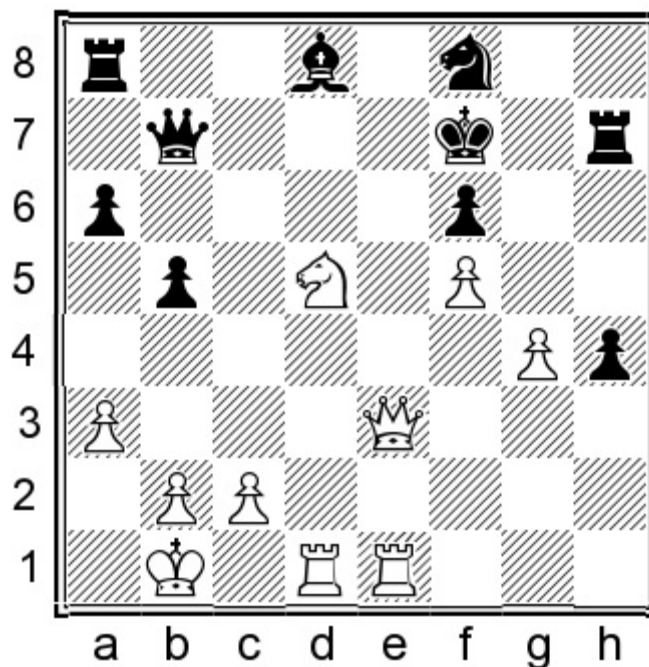
17...gxh4?!N

17...♘e5 18.hxg5 ♖xh1 19.♖xh1 ♖c8∞

18.♘f5! exf5 19.exf5 ♘e5?!

19...♙xg2! 20.♚xg2 ♘b6 21.g5 O-O-O 22.f6 ♙xf6 23.gxf6 ♘g6±

20.♙xe5 dxe5 21.♙xb7 ♖xb7 22.♖xe5 f6 23.♖e3± ♔f7 24.♖he1 ♖h7 25.♘d5 ♙d8



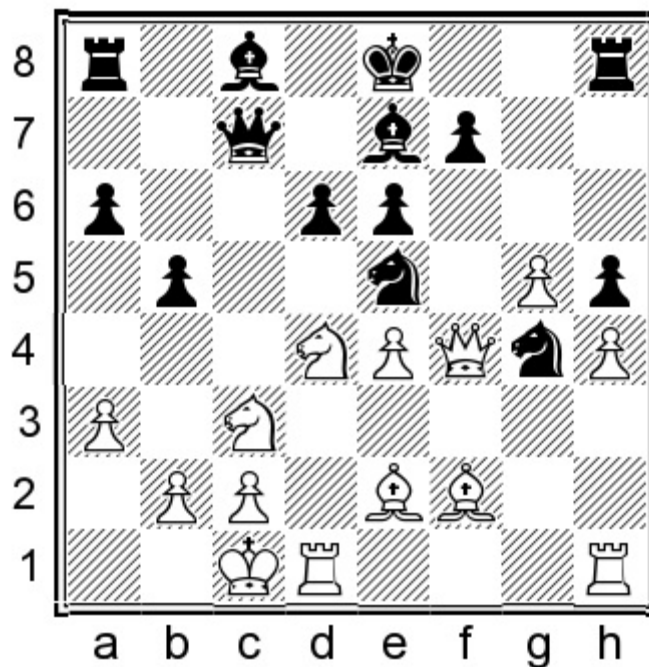
26.g5! fxg5 27.f6+- ♙xf6 28.♖f1 ♔g7 29.♘xf6 ♖h6 30.♘e8+ ♔g8 31.♖xg5+ 1-0

80. * !N B96

Ter Sahakyan, Samvel (2644) - Mullick, Raahil (2386)

Veliko Gradiste 149/80, 2021

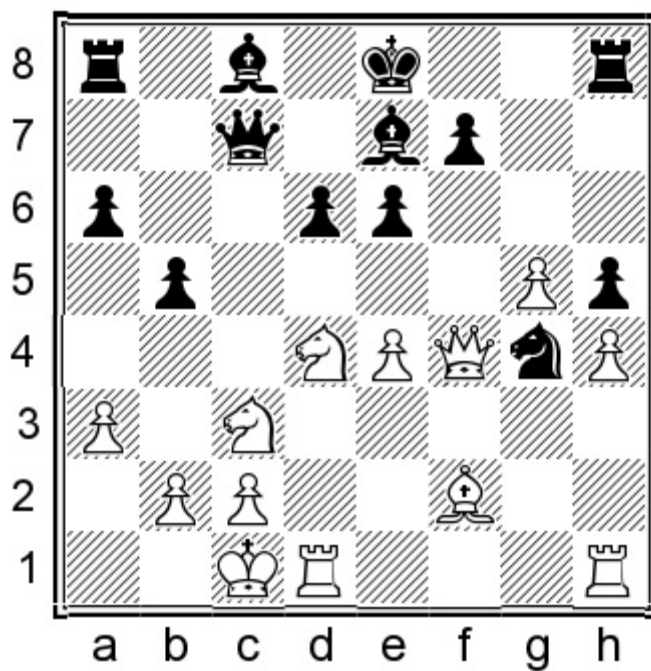
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♙g5 e6 7.f4 h6 8.♙h4 ♖b6 9.a3 ♙e7 10.♙f2 ♖c7 11.♖f3 ♘bd7 12.O-O-O b5 13.g4 g5 14.h4 gxf4 15.♙e2 h5 16.g5 ♘e5 17.♖xf4 ♘fg4



18.♙xg4!N

18.♔g3 - 135/89

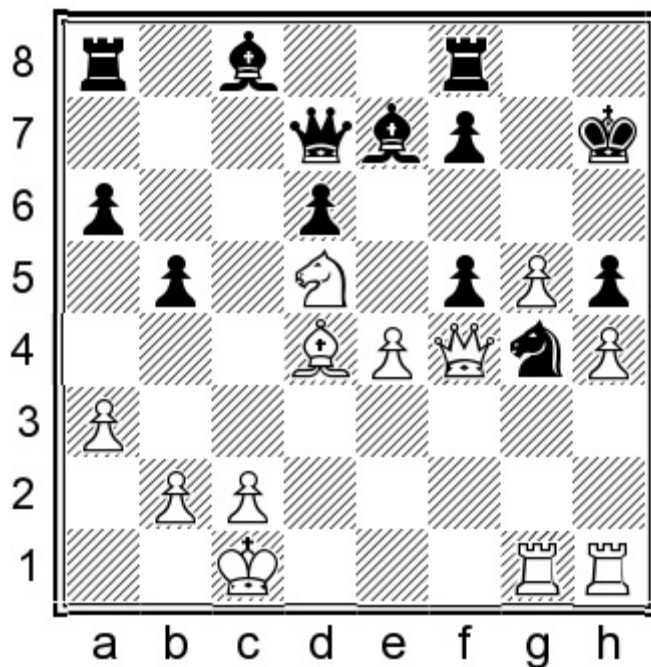
18...♘xg4



18...hxg4 19.h5 ♖g8 20.g6! fxg6 (20...♔d7 21.♕b1 fxg6 22.hxg6 O-O-O 23.♖h7+-) 21.hxg6 ♘xg6 22.♗xg4±

19.♘f5! ♘xf2 - 149/80

19...exf5N 20.♘d5 ♗d7 21.♔d4 O-O 22.♖dg1 ♕h7



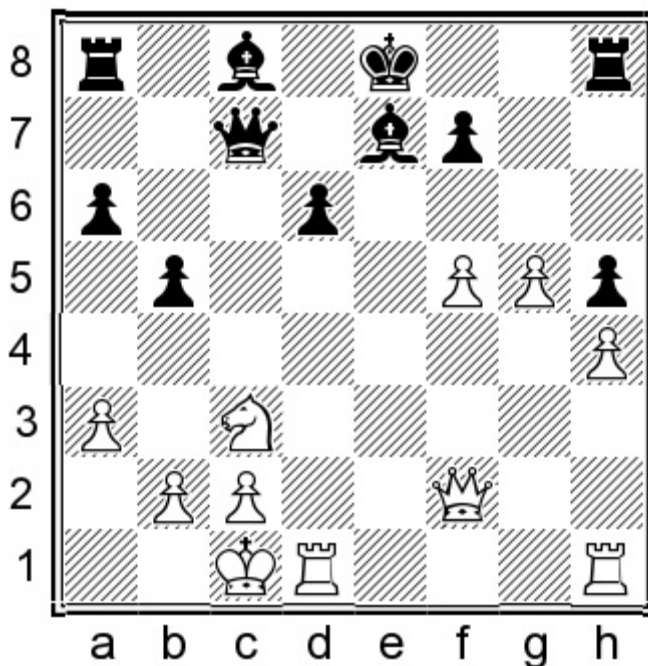
23.♖xg4! hxg4 (23...fxg4 24.♘f6+ ♔xf6 25.♗xf6+-) 24.h5+- ♗d8 25.♘f6+ ♔xf6 26.♔xf6 ♗d7

27.g6+! fxg6 28.♔g5 1-0 (28) Ter Sahakyan,S (2643)-Tsaknakis,Z (2236) Paracin 149/(80) 2021

20.♖xf2 exf5

20...♖c5 21.♖f3 ♖a7 (21...exf5 22.exf5 - 20...ef5) 22.♘xe7 ♖xe7 23.♖hf1 ♖e5 24.♖d3 ♖d7 25.♖f6+-

21.exf5



21...♖c5?!

21...♖b7 22.♖h3 (22.f6 ♖xh1 23.♖xh1 ♖f8 (23...♖d8 24.♖e1+ ♖f8 25.♘d5 ♖d7 26.♖g3±) 24.♖e1+ ♖d8 25.♘d5 ♖c6 26.♖d2 a5 27.♖b1 ♖g8 28.♖d4 ♖c8 29.♖e4 ♖g6 30.♖e3±) 22...O-O-O 23.f6 ♖f8 24.♘d5 ♖xd5 25.♖xd5 ♖b8 26.a4 bxa4 27.♖d4 ♖c8 28.♖xa4±

22.♖f3 ♖a7 23.♘d5+- ♖b7 24.♖he1 ♖xd5 25.♖xd5 ♖c4 26.f6 ♖xh4

26...♖c7 27.c3 O-O 28.fxe7 ♖e8 29.g6 fxg6 30.♖f6+-

27.♖e4 ♖h2 28.♖e3 O-O 29.fxe7 ♖e8 30.♖d2 ♖h1+ 31.♖d1 ♖h2 32.♖xa7 1-0

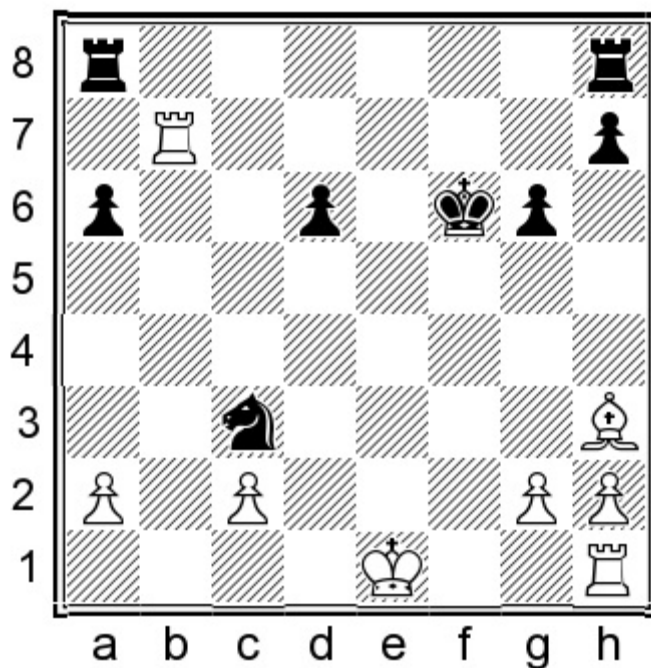
81. B97

Ivic, Velimir (2571) - Tahay, Alexis (2364)
Riga 149/81, 2021

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♖g5 e6 7.f4 ♖b6 8.♖d2 ♖xb2 9.♖b1 ♖a3 10.f5 ♖e7 11.fxe6 ♖xe6 12.♘xe6 fxe6 13.♖c4 ♘bd7 14.♖xe6 ♘c5 15.♖f5 g6 16.♖h3 ♘fxe4 17.♘xe4 ♘xe4 18.♖d4 ♖c3+ 19.♖xc3 ♘xc3 20.♖xe7 ♖xe7 21.♖xb7+

21.♖b3 - 140/96

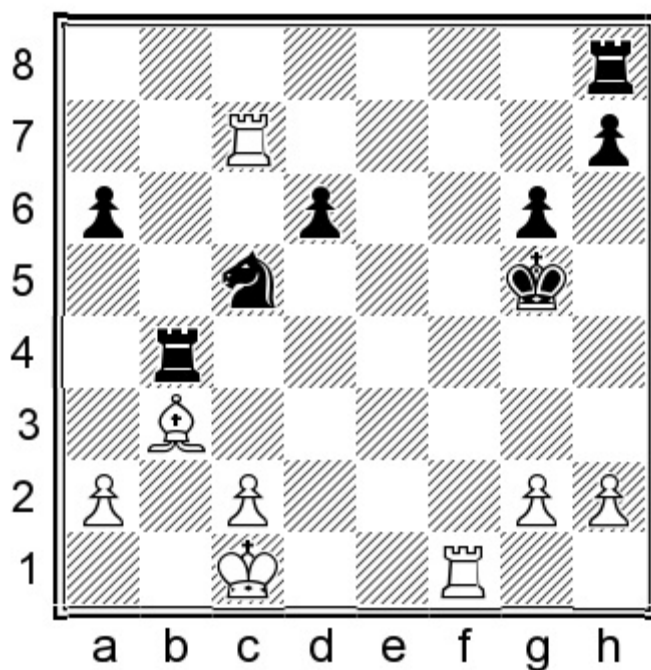
21...♖f6



22. Rf1+N

22. O-O+ ♔g5 23. g3 (23. Rf7 ♜e2+ 24. ♔h1 ♜f4 25. ♙d7 ♜d5 26. Rf6 ♜hf8 27. Rf1 ♜e3 28. Rf1 ♜ad8=) 23... ♜ab8 24. Rf7 ♜d5 25. ♜a7 ♜e3 26. Rf1 ♜b6=

22... ♔g5 23. ♔d2 ♜e4+ 24. ♔c1 ♜ab8 25. Rf7 ♜b4 26. ♙e6 ♜c5 27. ♙b3



27... h5?!

27... Rf4! 28. Rf7 (28. Rf3 h5 29. h3 Rf4 30. Rf3 Rf8=) 28... a5 29. Rf1 (29. ♙g8 ♜h4 30. h3 ♜e4 31. ♙e6 ♜g3 32. Rf3 ♜e2+ 33. ♔d2 ♜d4 34. Rf3+ ♔f6 35. ♙g8 ♜xg8 36. ♙xg8 ♜f5 37. ♜a3 ♜e7 38. ♙b3 ♜h5=) 29... Rxd1+ 30. ♔xd1 h5 31. ♜a7 h4! 32. ♜xa5 h3 33. g3 (33. gxh3 ♜xh3=) 33... Rf8 34. ♔e2 ♜e8+ 35. ♔f1

♖f8+ 36.♔g1 ♖e8 37.♔f2 ♖f8+=

28.♖c6 ♖d8?

28...♖h4 29.♙d5 ♖d4 30.♖xd6 ♜b7 31.♖b6 ♖xd5 32.♖xb7±

29.♖d1 ♜xb3+ 30.axb3 ♖g4 31.g3

31.♖d2 a5 32.♖a6+-

31...h4 32.♖d5+ ♔h6 33.♖cxd6 ♖xd6 34.♖xd6 hxg3 35.hxg3 a5 36.♖d3+- a4 37.♔b2 ♔g7 38.c4 ♔f7 39.c5 ♖e4 40.♔a3 axb3 41.♔xb3 ♖e6 42.♔c4 ♔e7 43.♔b5 ♖e1 44.c6 ♖b1+ 45.♔a6 ♖a1+ 46.♔b7 ♖b1+ 47.♔c8 g5 48.c7 ♖b2 49.♖d5 1-0

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82. C00

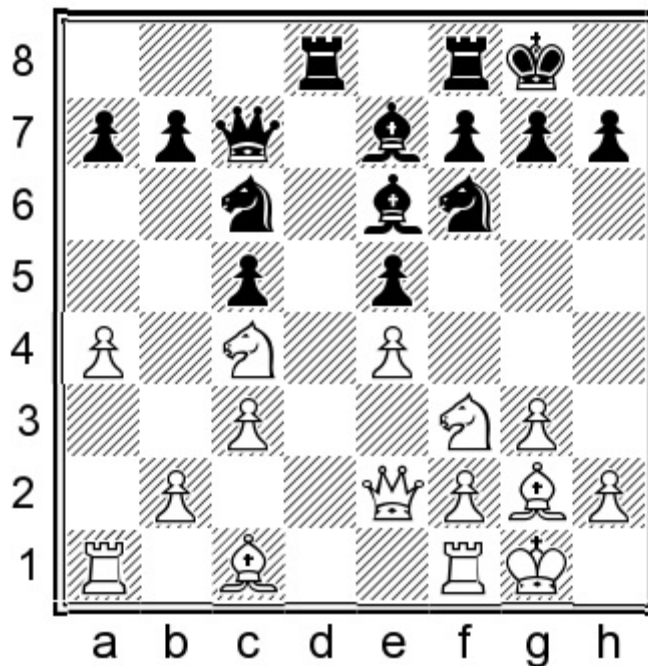
Artemiev, Vladislav (2704) - Ding, Liren (2799)

chess24.com (Int.-m1/3-rapid) 149/82, 2021

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♙g2 c5 4.O-O e6 5.d3 ♙e7 6.e4 O-O 7.♚e2 ♘c6 8.a4!?

8.e5 - 120/98

8...dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.c3 ♙e6 11.♘bd2 ♚c7 12.♘c4 ♜ad8



13.♘g5?N

13.♙g5; 13.h3

13...♙g4?

13...♙xc4 14.♚xc4 ♘a5 15.♚e2 ♘b3 16.♜b1 c4±

14.f3 ♙c8 15.f4 ♙g4 16.♚c2

16.♙f3!? ♙xf3 17.♘xf3 exf4 18.gxf4∞

16...h6 17.♘f3 exf4 18.gxf4 ♙e6! 19.b3 ♘h5! 20.e5

20.f5?? ♙xc4 21.bxc4 ♙d6±

20...♚d7

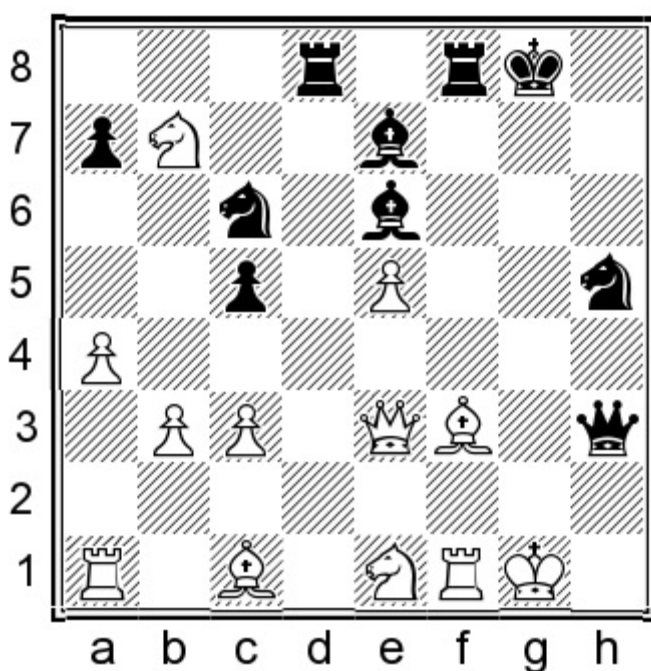
○20...g6̄ Δ Ng7-f5

21.♟fd2 f5! 22.♞d1 ♞e8 23.♞e2 g5! 24.fxg5 hxg5 25.♞f3?

25.♞d6 ♟xd6 (25...♞g6 26.♞xb7 ♞d5!? 27.♞c4 (27.♟xd5?? ♟xd5 28.♞d6 ♞f4 29.♞xf4 gxf4+ 30.♞f1 ♟xd6 31.exd6 ♞e8-+) 27...g4 28.♞a2 f4 29.♞e4 ♞h6̄) 26.exd6 ♞g6 (26...♞f4 27.♞xf4 gxf4 28.♞c4̄) 27.♟a3 ♞de8 28.♟xc5 ♞f4 29.♞xf4 gxf4 30.♞h1̄

25...♞g6 26.♞d6 g4 27.♞e1 f4 28.♟e4 ♞g7 29.♞xb7 ♞xe5

○29...f3 30.♞e3 g3 31.♟xf3 (31.hxg3 ♞xg3+ 32.♞h1 ♞h3+ 33.♞g1 ♞g3-+; 31.♞xf3 gxh2+ 32.♞xh2 ♞g3+ 33.♞h1 ♞h3+ 34.♞g1 ♞g4+ 35.♞h2 ♞g3-+) 31...gxh2+ 32.♞xh2 ♞g3+ 33.♞h1 ♞h3+ 34.♞g1



34...♞d1!!-+

30.♞xd8 ♟xd8 31.♞d3 ♞f3+ 32.♞g2 ♞h4+?

32...♞d4!! 33.♞e1 (33.cxd4 f3+ 34.♟xf3 gxf3+-) 33...f3+ 34.♞h1 (34.♞g1 ♞e2+ 35.♞h1 g3-+) 34...g3 35.hxg3 (35.♟xf3 ♞xf3 36.♞a2) 35...♞e2-+ (35...♞xg3+?! 36.♞xg3 ♞xg3 37.♞g1 ♞xg1+ 38.♞xg1 ♞e2+ 39.♞f2-+)

33.♞g1 f3 34.♟h7+ ♞xh7 35.♞xe6 g3 36.♞e4+ ♞f5 37.♞a2 gxh2+ 38.♞xh2 ♟c7+

38...♞g3+ 39.♞h1 ♞h3+ 40.♞g1 ♞g3-+

39.♞f4 ♞xf4

39...♞g3 40.♞d3 ♞xf1+ 41.♞xf1 ♟xf4+ 42.♟xf4 ♞xf4-+

40.♟xf4 ♟xf4+ 41.♞h1 ♞g3 42.♞e7+ ♞h6 43.♞e6+ ♞h5 44.♞e8+ ♞g6 45.♞ff2 ♞h6 46.♞h2+ ♞h5 47.♞xh5+ ♞xh5 48.♞e6 ♞h6 [Δ f2] 49.♞e4 f2 50.♞g2 ♞h4+ 0-1

83. C02**Grandelius, Nils (2661) - Akobian, Varuzhan (2614)****Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/83, 2021**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♖b6 5.♘f3 ♕d7 6.♙e2 cxd4 7.cxd4 ♙b5 8.♘c3

8.O-O - 87/257

8...♙xe2 9.♘xe2 ♙b4+?!

9...♘e7 10.O-O ♘ec6 11.♘f4±

10.♙f1 ♘c6 11.g3 ♖a6N

11...♙f8

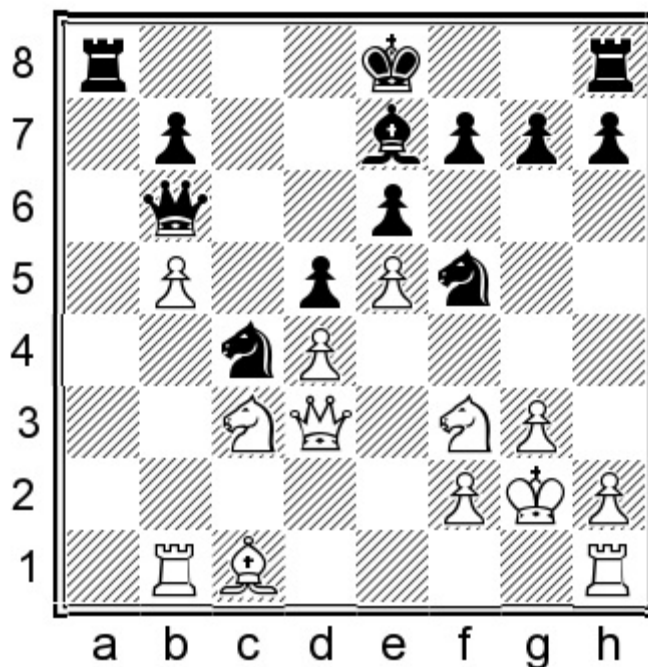
12.♙g2 ♘ge7 13.a3 ♙a5 14.♖b1 ♙d8

14...b5 15.♖d3 ♖b7 16.b4 ♙d8 17.♘f4±

15.b4 ♖b6 16.♖d3 a6 17.♘f4 ♖b5 18.♖d1 ♘f5 19.a4 ♖b6 20.♘e2 ♙e7 21.b5?!

21.♙d2±

21...axb5 22.axb5 ♘a5 23.♖d3 ♘c4 24.♘c3



24...g6?!

24...♖d8! 25.g4 (25.h4 h5 26.♙g5 g6 27.♙xe7 ♖xe7 28.♘d2 ♘b6) 25...♘h4+ 26.♘xh4 ♙xh4 27.f4 O-O

25.g4 ♘h4+ 26.♘xh4 ♙xh4 27.♙h6 ♙e7

27...♔d7

28.♖hd1 ♕d8?

28...♖a3 29.h4 (29.♙c1 ♖a8 30.♙h6=) 29...♗a5 30.♖dc1 ♙b4 31.♖xb4 ♗xb4 32.♗f3 g5! 33.♙xg5 ♖g8∞

29.f4?

29.b6! ♖a3 (29...♙g5 30.♗h3 ♖a3 31.♖d3 ♙xh6 32.♗xh6 ♖a6 (32...♜xb6 33.♖f3+-) 33.h4±) 30.♗h3 ♔d7 31.♖d3±

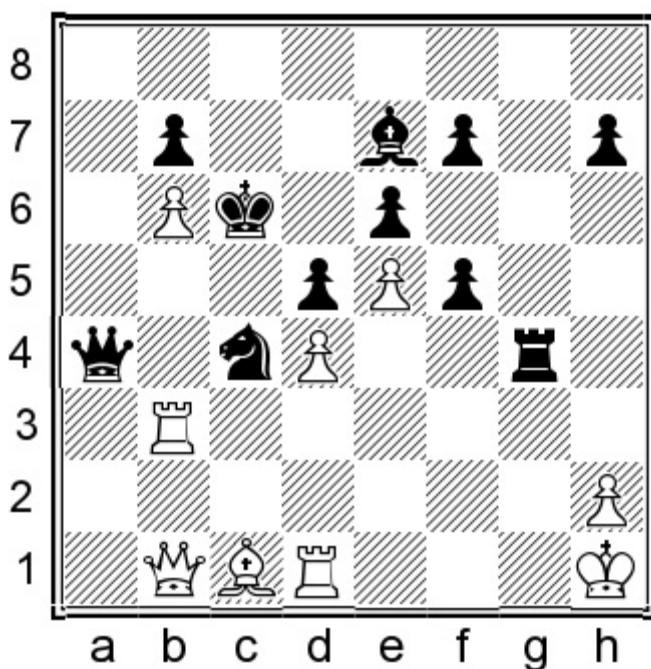
29...♖a3 30.b6 ♗a8 31.♖b5?

31.♔h1! ♗a5 32.♖dc1 ♔d7 33.f5 ♖c8 34.♗h3 ♜e3 35.♙xe3 ♖axc3 36.♖f1 ♗a2=

31...♔d7 32.f5 gxf5 33.♙c1

33.gxf5 ♗g8+ 34.♔h1 ♗g4 35.♖g1 ♖xc3! 36.♗xc3 ♗e4+ 37.♖g2 ♖g8 38.fxe6+ ♔xe6! (38...fxe6? 39.♖b2!∞) 39.♗h3+ f5 40.exf6+ ♔xf6-+

33...♖xc3! 34.♗xc3 ♖g8 35.♗b3 ♖xg4+ 36.♔h1 ♔c6 37.♗b1 ♗a4 38.♖b3



38...h5

38...♙c5!! 39.dxc5 (39.h3 ♖g3! 40.♖dd3 (40.♖xg3 ♗xd1+ 41.♔h2 ♙xd4-+) 40...♖xd3 41.♖xd3 ♜xe5!-+; 39.♙e3 ♜xe3 40.♖xe3 ♖xd4-+) 39...♜a5-+

39.♖dd3 ♗a5

39...♜xe5! 40.♖dc3+ (40.dxe5 ♗e4+ 41.♖f3 ♗e1+-) 40...♜c4-+

40.♙b2 h4 41.♙c3 ♗a6 42.♙b4 ♙xb4

42...♙d8! 43.♙c5 ♖e4-+

43.♖xb4 ♖e4 44.♙d1 ♙d7 45.♖b3 ♖e2 46.♖h3 ♖b2 47.♙a1 ♖a2

47...♙xb6! 48.♙a8 ♖b1 49.♙a4+ ♙c7 50.♙c2 ♖xd1+ 51.♙xd1 ♙b2 52.♖xh4 ♙e3 53.♙g1 ♙g4+

48.♙b1 ♙xb6?

48...♖b2+

49.♙b4 ♙c4 50.♙f8

50.♖xh4 ♙e3 51.♖h7 ♖xh2+ 52.♖xh2 ♙xd1 53.♖a2 ♙xa2 54.♙xb7+=

50...♖a1 51.♙xf7+ ♙c8 52.♙f8+ ♙c7 53.♙e7+ ♙b8 54.♙f8+ ♙a7 55.♙c5+ ♙b8 56.♙f8+ ♙a7
57.♙c5+ ♙b8 1/2-1/2

84. C07

Balzert, Antonius - Kienel, Norbert
corr 149/84, 2020

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♙d2 c5 4.exd5

4.♙gf3 cxd4 5.♙xd4 ♙c6 (5...♙f6 6.exd5 (6.e5 ♙fd7 7.♙2f3 ♙c6 8.♙b5 ♙c7 9.O-O a6∞)
6...♙xd5!? (6...♙xd5 7.♙e4 (7.♙2f3 ♙e7 8.♙d3 O-O 9.O-O ♙f6 10.c4 ♙b4 11.♙e4 ♙e7 12.a3 ♙4c6
13.♙xc6 ♙xc6 14.♙c2 g6 15.♙e3 ♖d8 16.♖ad1 ♖xd1 17.♖xd1 a5 18.c5± - 65/264) 7...♙e7 8.♙c4 O-O
9.O-O ♙c6!?± (9...♙d7 10.♙e2 ♙c5 11.♖d1 a6 12.♙f5 exf5 13.♙xc5 ♙xc5 14.♙xd5 ♙b6 15.a4±))
7.♙b5 (7.♙2f3 ♙c6 8.♙xc6 ♙xc6 9.♙d3 ♙c7 10.♙b5+ ♙d7 11.♙xd7+ ♙xd7 12.O-O ♙c5 13.♙e2 O-
O 14.c3 ♖fe8 15.♙e3 ♙xe3 16.♙xe3 ♙b6 17.♖fd1 ♖ad8 18.♙e2 h6=) 7...♙d8 (7...♙a6 8.♙c3 ♙d8!?
9.a3 ♙e7 10.♙f3 ♙c7 (10...♙c5; 10...♙b8)) 8.♙c4 (8.♙b3 ♙xd1+ 9.♙xd1 ♙a6! 10.♙f4 ♙e7
11.♙d6+ ♙xd6 12.♙xd6 ♙e4=) 8...♙d5 9.♙e3 (9.♙h5 a6 (9...♙e7 10.♙d3) 10.♙g5 g6 11.♙xd8 gxf5
12.♙c7+ ♙xd8 13.♙xa8 b5 14.♙cb6 ♙c5∞ (14...♙d7!?∞)) 9...a6!? 10.♙xd5 exd5 11.♙d4 ♙c6
12.♙e3 (12.♙e2 ♙d6) 12...♙d6! (12...♙f6 13.♙d2! Δ 0-0-0±) 13.♙e2 O-O 14.O-O ♖e8!? 15.c3 ♙c7
16.h3 ♙h2+ 17.♙h1 ♙f4 18.♙xf4 ♙xf4 19.♙f3 ♙xd4 20.♙xd4 ♙xd4 21.cxd4 ♙e6=) 6.♙b5 ♙d7
7.♙xc6 bxc6 8.♙d3 ♙d6 9.♙e2 ♙e7!? (9...♙c7 10.♙f3 dxe4 11.♙xe4 ♙f6 12.♙h4 h6 13.O-O c5
14.♙d2! ♙d5 15.♙c4 ♙f4 16.♖e1 ♖b8 17.♙e4 ♙xc1 18.♖axc1 O-O± (18...♙b6?! 19.♙e3 O-O 20.b3
f5 21.♙d3 e5 22.f3± - 116/92)) 10.♙f3 ♙g6 11.O-O O-O 12.e5 (12.c4 ♙c7 13.♖e1 (13.cxd5 cxd5
14.exd5 exd5∞) 13...dxc4 (13...e5!? 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.exd5 f5∞) 14.♙xc4 c5) 12...♙c7 13.♙g5
(13.c4!? ♙e7 14.♙d2 c5!?∞ (14...f6 15.♙xg6 hxg6 16.♖fe1 g5 17.h3!±)) 13...♙e8 14.f4 (14.b3 h6
15.♙f3 c5 16.♙a3 ♙b6 17.♙d2 a5 18.♖fe1 ♙c6 19.c3 ♙d8 20.♖ad1 ♖e8 21.♙b1 ♖c8∞) 14...f5
(14...h6 15.♙f3 c5 16.c4 d4?! 17.♙d2± (17.b4!?!)) 15.c4 ♙b6+ 16.♙h1 ♙e7 17.b3 a5 18.♙d2 c5!?±
(18...a4 - 114/(90))

4...♙xd5 5.♙gf3 cxd4 6.♙c4 ♙d6

6...♙d7 7.O-O (7.♙b3 ♙c6 (7...♙b4+ 8.♙d2 ♙xd2+ 9.♙xd2 ♙f6 10.♙bxd4 O-O!? (10...a6? 11.O-O-
O O-O 12.♙e5 ♙c7 13.♙e2 ♙bd7 14.♙xf7! ♖xf7 15.♙xe6 ♙a5 16.♙d2!+-)) 8.♙bxd4 ♙xd4 9.♙xd4

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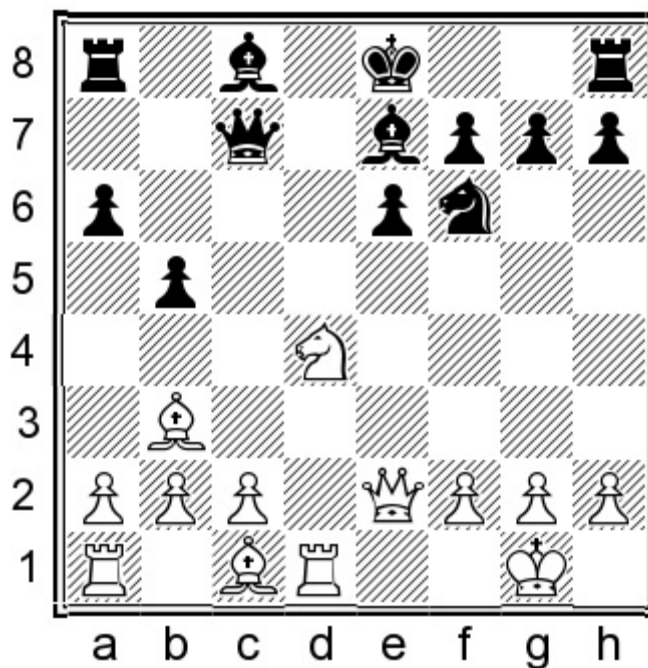
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7...♘f6 8.♘b3 a6

8...♘c6 - 142/91

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14.a4!?N

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16.♖d3 O-O

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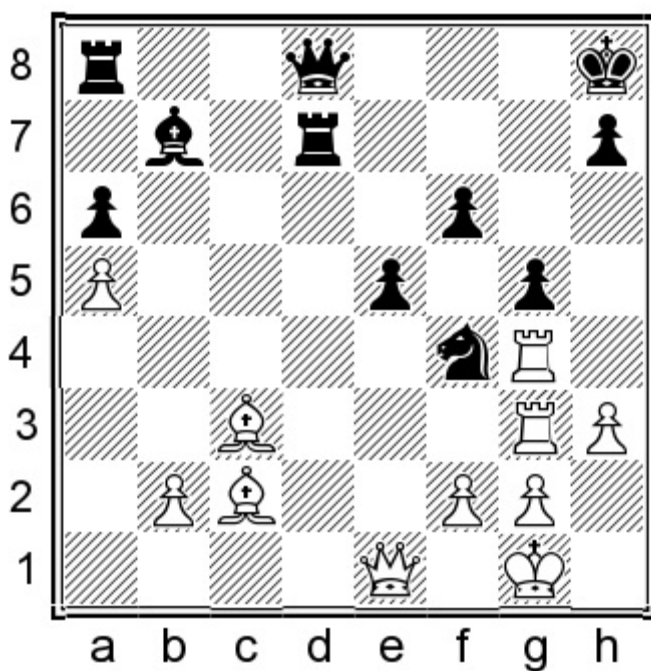
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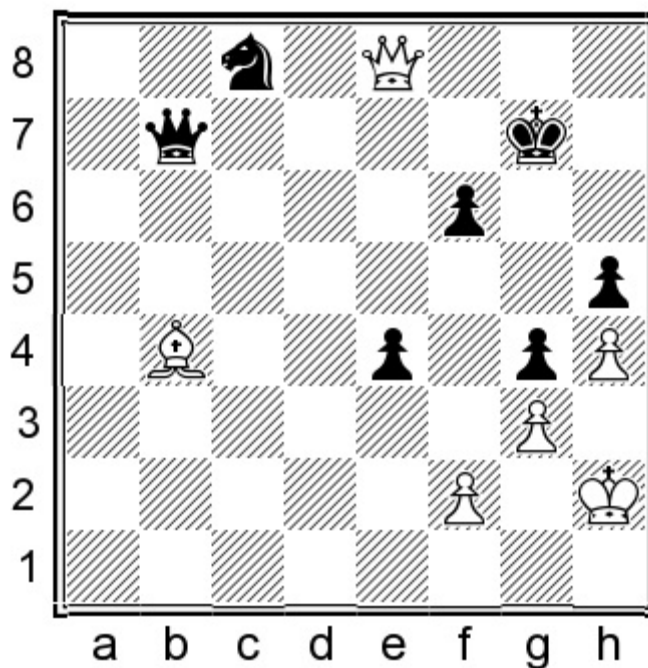
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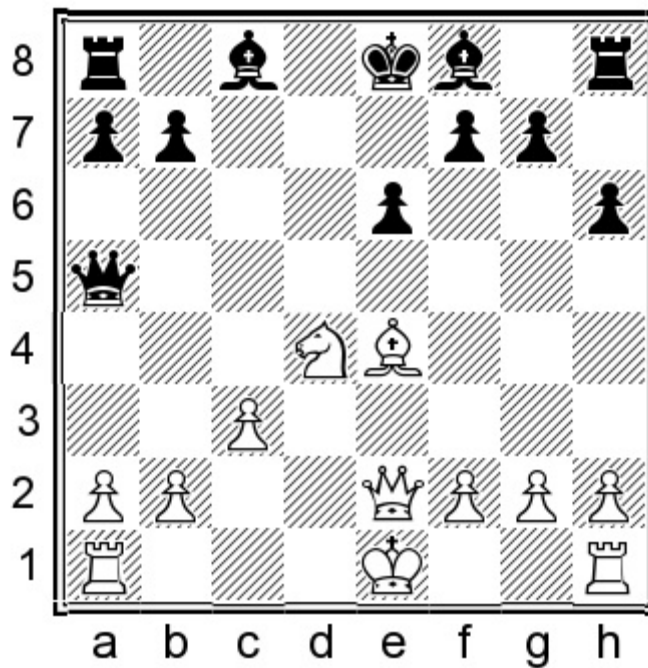
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11.c3 cxd4

11...♕d6 12.♜e5 cxd4 (12...♖c7 13.♜c4 ♕e7 14.O-O-O ♞b8 15.♜e5±) 13.♜c4 ♖c7 14.♜xd6+ ♞xd6 15.O-O-O±; 11...♕e7 12.O-O (12.O-O-O cxd4 13.♞xd4 (13.♜xd4 ♕d7!N 14.♕xb7 ♞b8 15.♞a6 ♖c7 16.♕c6 ♞b6 17.♕xd7+ ♞xd7 18.♖c4 O-O∞ 19.♜b3 (19.♜f5 ♕g5+ 20.f4 ♞b7 21.fxg5 exf5 22.♞d2 hxg5 23.♞hd1 g6∞) 19...♞b7 20.f3 Maestro Hernandez,J-Simplina,A corr 149/(85) 2021 (20.f3 ♞c8 21.♞e4 ♞b8∞ 22.♞d4 ♕g5+ 23.♔c2 (23.♔b1 ♞xc3! 24.bxc3 ♞xb3+ 25.axb3 ♞xb3+=) 23...a5 24.g3 ♞b4 25.♞xb4 axb4 26.c4 ♕f6 27.♔b1 ♞a7 28.c5 ♞a8 29.♜c1 ♞a5 30.♖c4 b3!±)) 13...♕f6 14.♞b4 O-O 15.♔b1 ♞d8∞ - 140/102; 12.dxc5 ♞xc5 13.O-O-O (13.♜e5 ♕f6 14.f4 ♕xe5 15.fxe5 ♕d7 16.O-O-O ♕c6=) 13...♕d7 (13...O-O?! 14.♕c2 ♕f6 15.h4! h5 16.♜d2 g6 17.g4!±) 14.♞d2 (14.♞xd7?! ♔xd7 15.♜e5+ ♔c7 16.♜xf7 ♞hf8⊖) 14...O-O-O 15.♞hd1 ♕a4±) 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 O-O 14.♜e5 ♕f6 15.♕c2 ♞d8 16.♞e4 g6 (16...♞b6?! 17.♞ad1 ♞xb2 18.♞h7+ ♔f8 19.f4 ♔e7 20.♔h1 ♞xa2 21.d5±) 17.♞f4 ♕xe5 18.dxe5 ♕d7 (18...♞d2 19.♞f6 ♖g5 20.♞ad1 ♕d7 21.h4 ♞xf6 22.exf6±) 19.b4 ♞b5 20.♞fe1 ♞ac8∞ 21.♕b3 ♕c6 22.♞xh6 ♞xb4 23.♕xe6 fxe6 24.♞xg6+ ♔f8 25.♞f6+ ♔e8 26.♞xe6+ ♞e7 27.♞h3 ♖g7 28.♞e3 ♞d7 29.♞g3 ♞h7 30.♞g4 ♔d8 31.e6 ♞d5 32.♞e1 ♞c7 33.♞g8+ ♞xg8 34.♞xg8+ ♔e7 35.♞g7+ ♔d6∞

12.♜xd4



12...♙e7 - 149/85

12...♙b8 13.O-O-O ♙e7 14.♗b1 ♙d7 15.f4!? ♙f6 (15...♖c7 16.g4! ♖xf4 17.♖hf1 ♖c7 18.h4 ♙xh4 19.♗b5 ♙xb5 20.♖xb5+ ♗e7 21.♙c2±; 15...O-O 16.g4 ♖fd8 17.g5±) 16.f5↑; 12...♙d6!? 13.O-O-O (13.♖b5+ ♖xb5 14.♗xb5 ♙e5 15.O-O-O ♗e7 16.♖he1 a6 17.♗d4 ♖b8 18.♙f3 f6=; 13.O-O - 124/88) 13...♖xa2 14.♗f5 ♙f4+ 15.♗c2 ♙d7 (15...♖a4+ 16.♗b1) 16.♖xd7!? ♖a4+ 17.♗b1 ♖xd7 18.♖d1 ♖a4! 19.♖d4 (19.♙c2 ♖c6 20.♗xg7+ ♗f8 21.♗h5 ♙d6 (21...♙c7? 22.♖g4! ♖g8 23.♖b4++-) 22.f4 (22.♖g4 ♖g8∞; 22.♖e3 ♖d8∞) 22...♖d8 23.♖g4 ♗e7∞) 19...♖a5□ 20.♗xg7+ (20.♖d5 ♖a6 21.♙d3 ♖b6 22.♖b5 ♖d8 23.♖xb7 ♗f8 24.♗d4 ♖f6 25.g3 ♙d6∞) 20...♗f8 21.♙xb7 ♖b8 22.♗xe6+ fxe6 23.♖xf4+ ♗e7 24.♙c6 ♖xc3 25.♙d5 ♖xb2+! 26.♖xb2 ♖d3+ 27.♗a1 ♖d1+ 28.♖b1 ♖xb1+ 29.♗xb1 exd5=; 12...♖b6N 13.O-O-O - 149/(85) (13.♖b5+N ♖xb5 14.♗xb5 ♗e7 (14...♖b8! 15.♗xa7 (15.O-O-O ♙c5 16.♖d2 ♙d7=) 15...♙d7 16.c4 f5 17.♙c2 ♙b4+ 18.♗e2 ♗e7 19.♗b5 ♖bc8 20.♙b3 ♖hd8∞) 15.O-O-O± Demchenko,A (2599)-Gavrilescu,D (2470) tornelo.com (Int.-m/2) 149/(85) 2021) 13...♙d7 14.♗f3 Gonzalez,B-Rodriguez, L corr 149/(85) 2021 (14.♗f3 ♖d8 15.♗e5! (Δ Qh5) 15...♙d6 16.♗c4 ♙f4+ 17.♗b1 ♖c5 (17...♖c7 18.g3) 18.♖d4 ♗e7 (18...♙b5 19.b4! ♖c7 20.♗d6+ ♖xd6 21.♖xb5+ ♗e7 22.♖c4±) 19.♙xb7 g5 20.♗e3 ♙b5 21.♖e1! ♖xd4 22.cxd4 ♙d3+ 23.♗a1 ♖xd4 24.♗d5+ ♗f8 25.♗xf4 gxf4 26.♖d2±)

13.O-O-O!?

13.♖b5+ ♖xb5 14.♗xb5 ♖b8 15.O-O-O ♙c5 16.♖d2 ♙d7= 17.♗d6+ ♙xd6 18.♖xd6 ♗e7 19.♖hd1 ♖hd8=; 13.♗c6 ♖c7 14.♗xe7 ♗xe7 15.O-O-O ♙d7 16.♖g4 ♖hd8 17.♖d2 (17.♖d4 g5↗) 17...♙e8=; 13.O-O O-O 14.a4 (14.♖fd1 ♖b8 15.♙c2 g6 16.♙b3 ♙f6 17.♗b5 a6 18.♗d6 ♖c7∞) 14...a6 15.♖fe1 ♖c7 16.♙c2 g6!? (16...♙f6 17.h4!? e5 18.♗f3 ♖e8 (18...h5 19.♗xe5 ♖e8 20.♖c4±) 19.♗d2!? ♙xh4 20.♖e4 ♙f6 21.♖h7+ ♗f8 22.♖e3!?! Δ Rae1) 17.♖ad1 ♙f6 18.♖e3 ♗g7 19.♗f3 b5∞

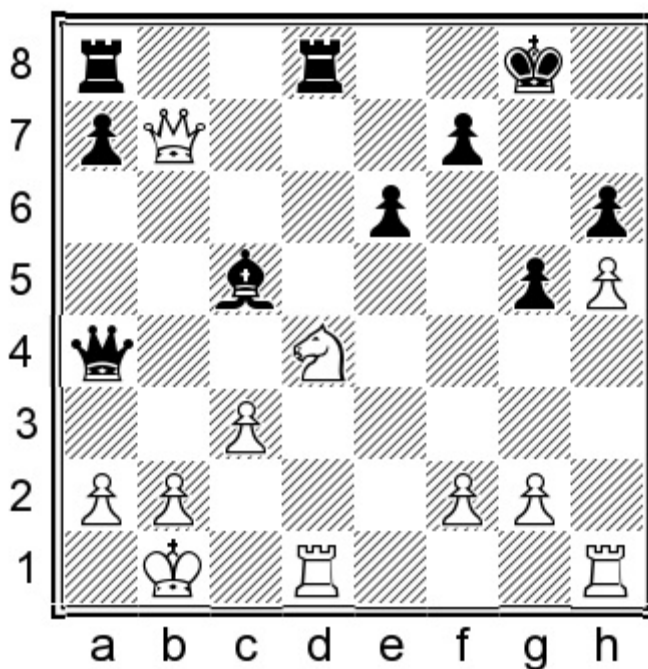
13...O-ON

13...♖xa2 14.♗b5+ ♕d7 (14...♔f8 15.♞he1 a6 16.♗e5 ♗a4 17.♗c7±) 15.♗xb7 ♞c8 16.g3!± Δ♗a1+ 17.♔c2 ♗a4+ 18.♔b1 ♞d8? 19.♜xe6! fxe6 20.♞d4+-; 13...♕d7 - 149/(85) 14.♔b1 ♞d8 15.♕c2 ♕f6 16.♗e4 ♗b6 17.f4 ♕xd4 18.♞xd4 ♕c6 19.♞xd8+ ♗xd8=

14.♔b1 ♞d8 15.♕c2 ♕d7 16.♗e4 g6 17.h4 ♕a4

17...h5 18.g4! ♕f6 19.♞hg1 ♕c6 20.♜xc6 bxc6 21.♗f3 ♕g7 22.gxh5 ♗xh5 23.♗xh5 gxh5 24.♞g5 ♞d5 25.f4 ♞ad8 (25...♞xg5 26.fgx5; 25...♔f8 26.f5) 26.♔c1 ♔f8 27.♞xh5 ♞xh5 28.♞xd8+ ♔e7 29.♞a8 a5 30.♕a4 ♕h6 31.♕xc6 ♕xf4+ 32.♔c2 ♕c7 33.♞a7 ♔d8 (33...♔d6 34.♕e8±) 34.b4 axb4 35.cxb4 ♞xh4 36.b5 f5 37.♞a8+ ♔e7 38.a4±

18.♕xa4 ♗xa4 19.h5 g5 20.♗xb7 ♕c5?!



20...♕f6 21.♗f3 ♕g7 22.♞d2 ♞d5 23.♞hd1 ♞b8 24.♜b3 (24.g4 ♞a5 25.b3 ♕xd4 26.♞b2 ♕xc3 27.bxa4 ♞xb2+ 28.♔c1 ♞c5=) 24...g4 25.♗e2 ♞xh5 26.c4 ♗c6 27.♗xg4 ♞g5 28.♗f4 e5 29.♗e3 ♞xg2 30.♜c5 ♞g4 (30...♞g6 31.b3±) 31.♞d6 ♗g2 32.♜d7±

21.♗c6! ♗xc6

21...♗c4 22.♜b3 ♞dc8 23.♗f3 ♕b6 24.♞d7 ♗f4 25.♗xf4 gxf4 26.f3 ♞ab8 27.♔c2 ♔f8 28.♞hd1±

22.♜xc6± ♞xd1+ 23.♞xd1 ♕xf2 24.♞d7 f6

24...a5 25.♜d8! f6 26.♜f7 ♔f8 27.♜xh6+-

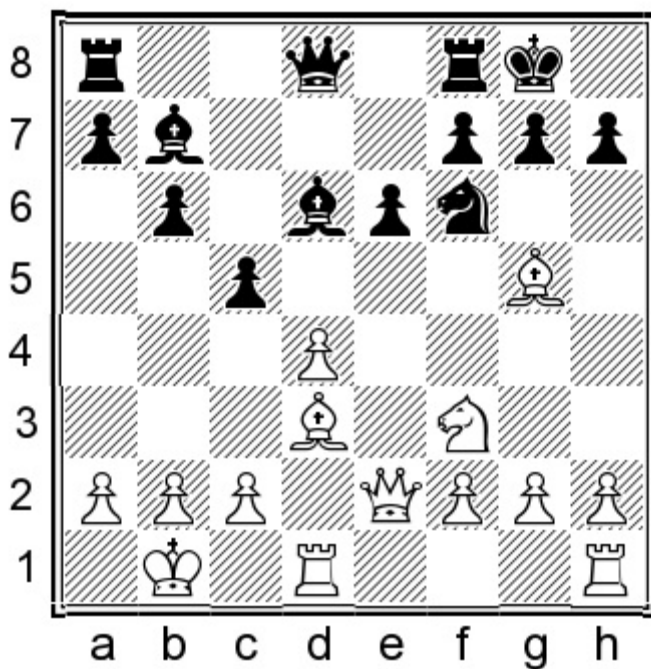
25.♜d8 ♕b6 26.♜f7+- ♞f8 27.♜xh6+ ♔h8 28.♔c2 1-0

86. C10

Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/86, 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘d7 5.♘f3 ♘gf6 6.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 7.♙e3 ♙d6 8.♙d3 O-O 9.♚e2 b6 10.O-O-O ♙b7 11.♗b1 c5 12.♙g5



12...♚c7?!N

12...h6 - 140/101

13.♙xf6! gxf6 14.d5! ♙xd5 15.♘h4! [Δ Bh7, Rd5, Δ Qh5→] 15...♖fd8 16.♚h5 f5 17.♙xf5!?

17.♘xf5!? exf5 18.♚g5+ ♗h8 (18...♗f8 19.♚h6+ ♗e7 20.♖he1+ ♙e5 21.f4±) 19.♚xf5 f6 20.♚xd5±

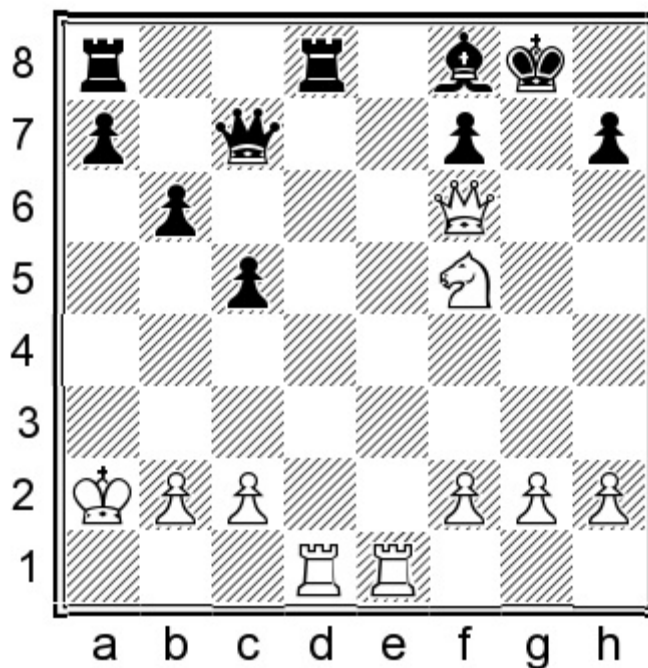
17...♙xa2+?!

17...♙e5

18.♗xa2 exf5 19.♚g5+

19.♖d3!+-

19...♗h8 20.♚f6+ ♗g8 21.♖he1 ♙f8 22.♘xf5



22...Rxd1?

22...b5! Δ Qb6

23.♔g5+! ♕h8 24.♚f6+! ♕g8 25.♖e4!+- ♖d4□ 26.♚g5+ ♕h8 27.♚f6+ ♕g8 28.♜xd4 ♚c8□
29.♜f5?!

29.♖e3! ♚g4 30.♖g3 ♚xg3 31.hxg3 cxd4 32.♚xd4+-

29...♚a6+ 30.♕b3 c4+! 31.♖xc4?!

31.♕c3! ♚a5+ 32.♕xc4 ♖c8+ 33.♕d3+-

31...♚b5+ 32.♕c3 ♚a5+ 33.♕b3 ♚b5+ 34.♕c3 ♚a5+ 35.♕d3 ♚d5+ 36.♖d4 ♚xg2 37.♖d7 ♚f3+
38.♕d2 ♚xf2+ 39.♕c1 ♚g1+ 40.♖d1 ♚g6 41.♚d4 ♚xf5 42.♖g1+ ♚g6 43.♖xg6+ hxg6 44.♚d7 a5
45.♚b7 ♖e8 46.♚xb6 ♖e5 47.c3 ♖h5 48.♚b8 ♕g7 49.b4 axb4 50.cxb4 ♚xb4 51.♚xb4 ♖f5 1/2-1/2

87. C11

Rodshtein, Maxim (2614) - Apicella, Manuel (2506)

France 149/87, 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♜c3 ♜f6 4.e5 ♜fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♜f3 ♜c6 7.♙e3 a6 8.♚d2 b5 9.♙d3 b4 10.♜a4 c4
11.♙e2 c3 12.♚d1 cxb2 13.♜xb2 a5N

13...♙e7 - 123/101

14.O-O ♜b6 15.g4 h5?! 16.gxh5 ♜e7

16...♖xh5 17.♜g5 ♖h8 18.♙b5 ♚c7 (18...♙d7 19.f5±) 19.f5 exf5 20.♙f4 ♙e6 21.♖c1±

17.♜h4 ♜f5?

17...g6 18.♙f2 ♘f5 19.♘xf5 gxf5 20.♔h1±

18.♘xf5 exf5 19.♖f2 a4 20.♖b1 ♖h6 21.♙d2 ♙a6 22.♘d3 ♙c4 23.♘xb4 ♙xe2 24.♚xe2 ♘c4 25.♙e1
♖b8 26.♚f3 ♖b5 27.♖g2 ♚b6 28.c3 ♙xb4 29.cxb4 ♚xd4+ 30.♙f2

30.♚f2 ♚xf2+ 31.♙xf2 ♘d2 32.♖b2 ♘e4 33.♙d4 ♖xh5 34.♖xg7±

30...♚e4 31.♚xe4 fxe4 32.♖xg7?!

32.♙c5! ♔d7 33.♖xg7 ♔e6 34.♖g8 ♖xh5 35.♖d8±

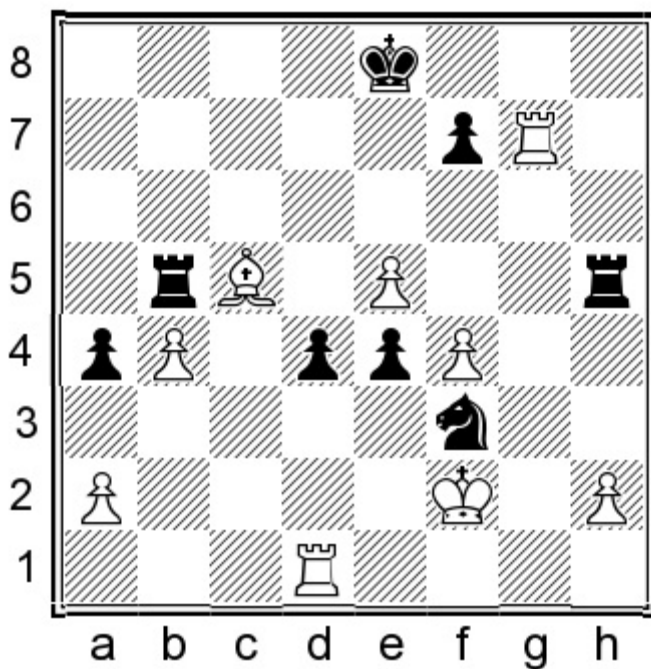
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32...e3! 33.♙e1 (33.♙h4?! ♖xh5 34.♙f6 ♔d7! 35.f5□ ♖xf5 36.♖xf7+ ♔c6∞) 33...♖xh5 34.♖d1 ♔e7
(34...♖f5 35.♖d4 ♔d7 36.h4 ♔e6∞) 35.♔g2 ♔e6∞

33.♙c5+- ♘d2

33...e3 34.♖d1 e2 (34...♖h8 35.♖xd5+-) 35.♖e1 ♖f5 36.♖xe2 ♖xf4 37.e6+-

34.♖d1 ♘f3+ 35.♔f2 d4



35...♖xh2+ 36.♔e3 ♖xa2 37.♖xd5+-

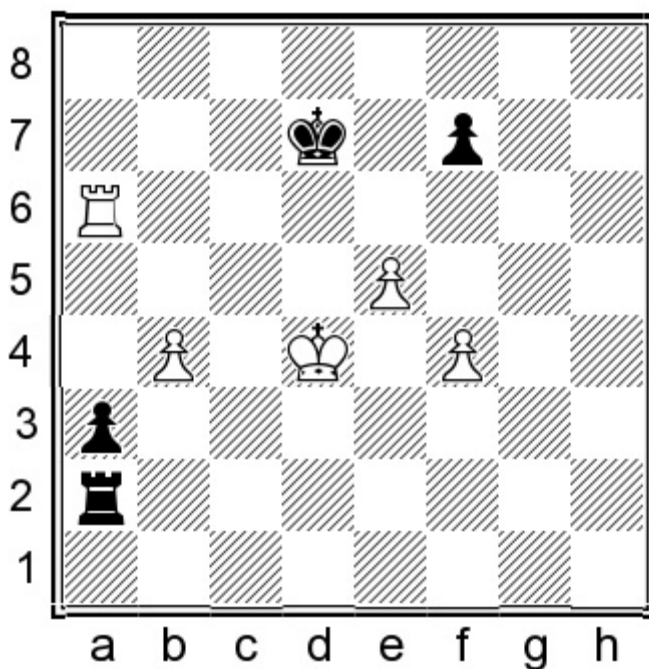
36.♙xd4

36.e6! fxe6 37.♖e7+ ♔d8 38.♖xe6 ♖xh2+ 39.♔g3 ♖xa2 40.♖h1+-

36...♖d5 37.♔e3 ♖xh2 38.♔e4 ♖xd4+ 39.♖xd4 ♘xd4 40.♔xd4 ♖xa2 41.♖g8+ ♔d7 42.♖a8 a3
43.♖a7+ ♔e6 44.♖a6+?!

44.b5! ♖a1 (44...♖b2 45.♔c5 a2 46.♔c6! (46.b6? ♖c2+ 47.♔b5 ♔d5=) 46...♖c2+ 47.♔b7 ♔f5 48.♖a4

♖c4 49.♖xa2 ♖xf4 50.♞e2+-) 45.♔c5 a2 46.♔b6 ♖f1 (46...♔d5 47.♞a4+-) 47.♖xa2 ♖xf4 48.♞e2+-
44...♔d7



45.b5?

45.♞a7+ ♔e6 46.b5+-

45...♔c7!= 46.♔e4 ♞a1 47.♔f5 a2 48.♞c6+

48.♔f6 ♖f1= 49.f5 (49.♖xa2 ♖xf4+ 50.♔e7 ♔b6) 49...a1=♞ 50.♖xa1 ♖xa1 51.♔xf7 ♞e1 52.e6 ♔d6
53.b6 ♞e5! 54.f6 ♖xe6 55.b7 ♖xf6+ 56.♔xf6 ♔c7=

48...♔d7 49.♞c2 ♔e7 50.♞c7+ ♔e8 51.♞a7 ♖b1 52.♖xa2 ♖xb5= 53.♔g5 ♔f8 54.♞a7 ♔g7 55.♞d7
♞a5 56.♔g4 ♔f8 57.♔f5 ♞a4 58.♔g5 f6+! 59.♔xf6

59.exf6 ♞a1=

59...♖xf4+ 60.♔e6 ♞e4 61.♞d8+ ♔g7 62.♔d6

62.♞e8 ♞a4=

62...♔f7 63.♞d7+ ♔e8 64.♞h7 ♞e1 65.♔e6 ♔f8 66.♞h8+ ♔g7 67.♞e8 ♞a1 68.♞d8 ♞e1 69.♞d5 ♔f8
70.♔d6 ♔f7 71.♞d2 ♞e3 72.♞f2+ ♔e8 73.♞a2 ♔f7 1/2-1/2

88. C11

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2760) - Lupulescu, Constantin (2656)
Bucuresti 149/88, 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♙e3 cxd4

7...a6 - 147/87

8.♟xd4 ♖b6 9.♜d2 ♜xb2 10.♞b1 ♞a3 11.♙b5 ♟xd4

11...♞db8 - 88/262

12.♙xd4 a6 13.♙xd7+ ♙xd7 14.♞xb7!?

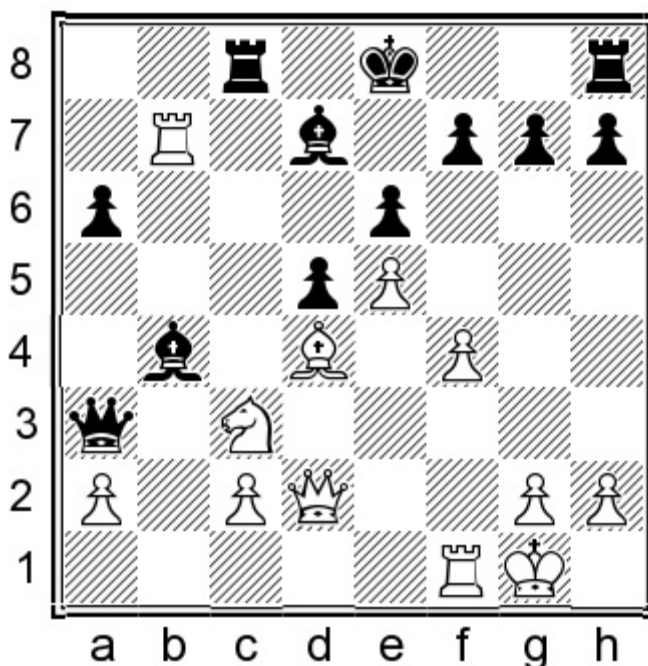
14.♞b3 - 149/89

14...♙b4

14...♙e7? 15.♞b3! ♙h4+ (15...♞a5 16.♙b6+-) 16.g3 ♜e7 17.♞f2+-; 14...♞c8 15.♞b3 ♜e7 16.O-O ♜d8 (16...♞h4?! 17.♞fb1 ♙c5 18.♙xc5 ♞xc5 19.♟a4 ♞c7 (19...♞b5 20.♟b6±) 20.♞b7 ♜d8 21.♞a5±) 17.♞f2 ♙e7 18.f5 ♞c4 19.♟e2 ♠ Qg3↑; 14...♞a5!? 15.♞e3 (15.O-O ♙c5=) 15...♞c8 16.O-O ♙b4 (16...♙c5? 17.♟b5! O-O 18.♙xc5 ♙xb5 19.♙xf8 ♙xf1 20.♙b4 ♞xa2 21.♟xf1 ♞b1+ 22.♞e1 ♞xc2 23.♙d2±; 16...♞c4!? 17.f5 ♙c8 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.♞f2 ♙xb7 20.♞f7+ ♟d8 21.♞xb7 ♞xd4 22.♞b8+ ♟e7 23.♞b7+=) 17.♞f3 ♙c6 18.♞a7 O-O 19.f5 ♙xc3 20.♞xc3 ♞xa2 21.h4 ♙d7 22.♞e3 ♞xc2 23.♞g3 ♞b1+ 24.♟h2 ♞c1 25.♞xg7+ ♟xg7 26.♞g5+ ♟h8 27.♞f6+ ♟g8=

15.O-O ♙c8!?

15...♞c8



16.♞f3! (16.♟b1 ♙xd2 17.♟xa3 ♙c3 18.♙xc3 ♞xc3 19.♞b8+ ♙c8 20.♞b3 ♞c5 21.c4 ♟e7 22.cxd5 exd5 23.♟b1 ♙d7 24.♞b7 ♞hc8 25.♟d2 ♞b5 26.♞a7 ♞b2 27.♟f3 ♞cc2 28.♞d1 ♞xg2+ 29.♟h1 ♞gf2 30.♞xd5=) 16...♞a5!? (16...♙c5? 17.♟e4! ♙xd4+ 18.♞xd4 ♞c1+ 19.♞f1 ♞xc2 20.♟d6+ ♟e7 21.f5+-; 16...♞c4 17.♞b8+ ♙c8 18.f5!? exf5 19.e6 fxe6 20.♞e2 ♟f7 21.♟e4! ♙c3! 22.♟xc3 (22.♟g5+ ♟g6 23.♙xc3 ♞xc3 24.♞xc8 ♞hxc8 25.♞xe6+ ♟h5! 26.♞f7+ g6 27.♟e6 ♞c1+ 28.♞f1 ♞e3+ 29.♟h1 ♟g4□ 30.h3+ ♞xh3+ 31.gxh3+ ♞xh3+ 32.♟g1 ♞g3+ 33.♟f2 ♞xc2+ 34.♟e1 ♞gg2! 35.♞f4+ ♟g3 36.♞f3+ ♟g4=) 22...♞xd4 23.♟b5 ♞b4 24.a3 (24.c3 ♞e4∞) 24...♞d2 (24...♞e4 25.♞xe4

22.♔e3 ♖ac8 23.♔d2 f6 24.exf6 ♖xf6 25.♖b7 ♕e8 26.♖b8 ♖xb8 27.♖xb8 ♔f7 28.♜e2 g5

22...♙a4 23.♞c3 ♞fc8 24.♞xc8+ ♞xc8 25.♜d4 g6 26.♔e3 ♞c4= 27.a3 ♙xc2 28.♞c1 ♙d3 29.♞xc4
 ♙xc4 30.g4 ♔f8 31.♜c2 ♙b3 32.♜b4 ♙c4 33.g5 ♔g7 34.♔d4 h5 35.♜c6 ♙b5 36.♜a5 ♔f8 37.♔c5
 ♔e7 38.♜b3 ♙c4 39.♜d4 ♙d3 40.a4 ♙f1 41.a5 ♙d3 42.♔c6 ♙c4 43.♔c5 ♙d3 44.♔c6 ♙c4 45.♔c5
 ♙d3 1/2-1/2

89. C11

Ivic, Velimir (2571) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2674)
Reykjavik 149/89, 2021

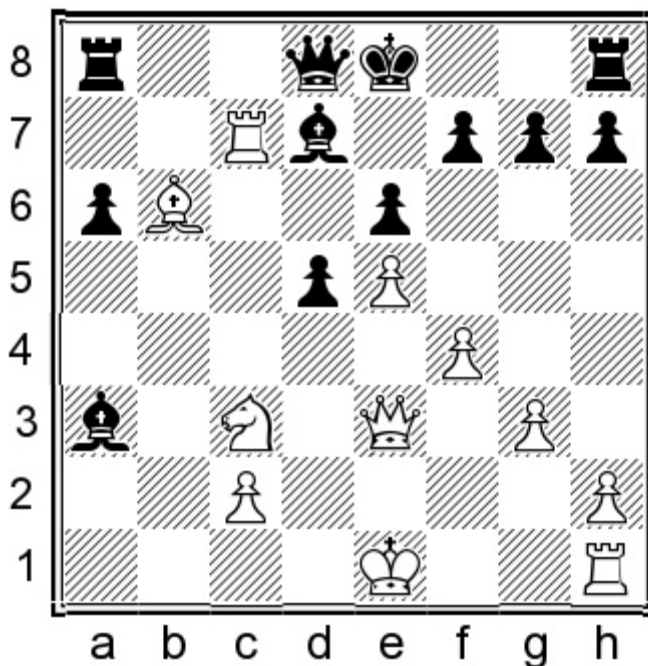
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 10.♖b1 ♖a3 11.♙b5 ♜xd4 12.♙xd4 a6 13.♙xd7+ ♙xd7 14.♖b3 ♖e7 15.♖xb7 ♖h4+ 16.g3

16.♞f2 - 121/(89)

16...♞d8 17.♙b6 ♖c8 18.♞c7 ♖d8 19.♞e3N

19.♞d4

19...♙b4 20.a3! ♙xa3?



20...♙e7 21.f5 O-O 22.O-O (22.f6 gxf6 23.♞h6 f5∞) 22...♙g5 23.♞d4 ♖b8 24.♖f3 ♔h8!∞

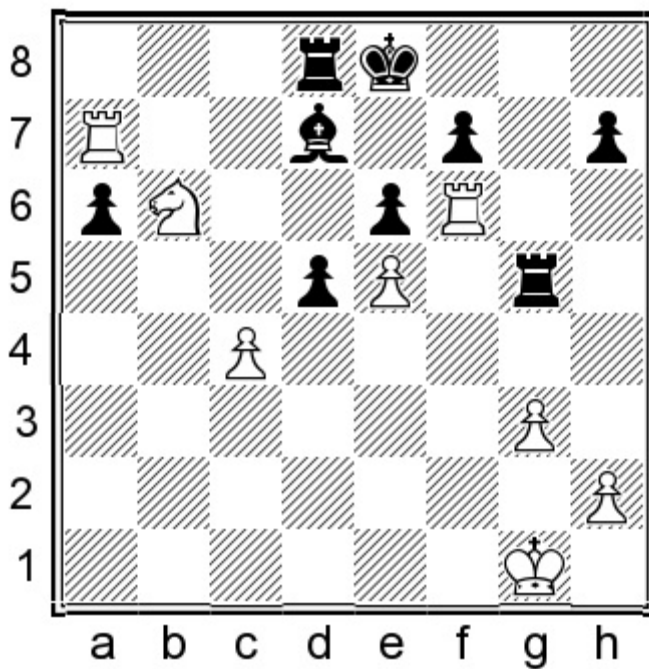
21.f5! ♞c8

21...O-O? 22.f6 ♞e8 23.O-O ♙f8 24.♜e4!+-; 21...♙b4 22.♞c4! ♖e7 23.O-O! dxc4 24.f6 gxf6
 (24...♖f8 25.♜e4 g6 26.♞d4+-) 25.♜e4 h5 26.exf6 ♖f8 27.♞d4+-

22.♖a7 ♖e7 23.O-O ♙c5 24.♙xc5 ♖xc5 25.♖xc5 ♖xc5 26.♜a4 ♞c8

26...♙xa4! 27.fxe6 (27.♖a8+ ♕e7 28.♖xh8 (28.f6+ gxf6 29.exf6+ ♕d6 30.♖xh8 ♙xc2∞) 28...exf5 29.♖xf5 ♙xc2 30.♖f4 a5=) 27...f6! (27...fxe6 28.♖a8+ ♕e7 29.♖xh8 ♙xc2 30.♖g8+-) 28.exf6 gxf6 29.♖a8+ ♕e7 30.♖xh8 ♙xc2 31.♖a8 a5 (31...♖c6 32.♖c1 d4 33.♖a7+ ♕xe6 34.♕f2±) 32.♖e1 ♙e4 33.♖a6±

27.♘b6 ♖d8 28.f6 gxf6 29.♖xf6 ♖g8 30.c4 ♖g5?



30...dxc4 31.♘xc4 ♕e7 (31...♕f8 32.♘d6 ♖g7 33.♖xa6±) 32.♘d6 ♖g7 33.♕g2±

31.c5!+- ♖xe5

31...♖f5 32.♖h6 ♖xe5 33.♖xh7+-; 31...♖g7 32.♖c7 ♙b5 33.c6 d4 34.♘c8+-

32.c6 ♙xc6 33.♖xf7 ♖b8 34.♖xh7 ♖f5 35.♖ac7 ♙b5 36.♘c8 ♕d8 37.♘d6 ♖f6

37...♖h5 38.♖he7+-

38.♖cg7 1-0

90. C11

Ivic, Velimir (2571) - Haria, Ravi (2440)

Riga 149/90, 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♙e3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♖b6 9.♖d2 ♖xb2 10.♖b1 ♖a3 11.♙b5 ♘xd4 12.♙xd4 a6 13.♙xd7+ ♙xd7 14.♖b3 ♖e7 15.♖xb7 ♖c8 16.O-O ♖d8 17.f5

17.♖fb1 - 141/97

17...exf5 18.♖fb1

18.♔e3 ♖c6 (18...♙e6 19.♘e2↑) 19.♖fb1 ♙c8 20.♖7b6 ♖c4 21.♖d6 ♙xd6 22.exd6+ ♙e6 23.♙xg7 ♖g8 24.♘xd5 ♖xg7 25.♔e5 ♖g8 (25...♙f8? 26.d7 ♖xc2 27.♔d6+ ♙g8 28.g3!+-) 26.♘f6+ ♙f8 27.♘h7+ ♙e8 28.♘f6+=

18...♔a5N

18...♙c5? 19.♘xd5 ♙b5 20.♙xc5 ♖xc5 21.♖d1+-

19.♔g5 ♙e6

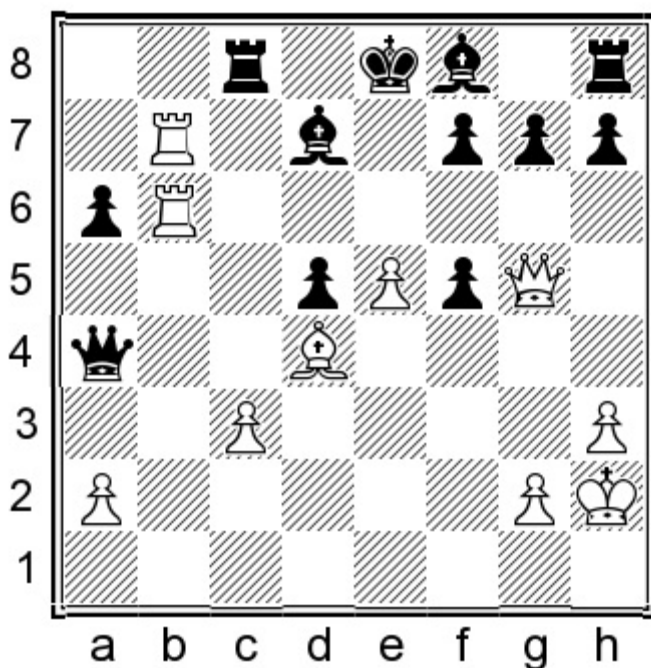
19...h6 20.♔e3 (20.♔h5?! ♙c5±; 20.♔g3 ♙e6 21.♖1b6 g5 22.♖d6!? (22.♖b8 ♙e7 23.♖xc8+ ♙xc8 24.e6 fxe6 25.♔c7 ♙f7∞) 22...♙e7∞ (22...♔a3 23.h3∞); 20.e6!? ♙xe6 21.♔e3 ♙c5 22.♘b5 O-O 23.♙xc5 ♖xc5 24.♔xc5 axb5∞) 20...♙e6 21.♖1b6 ♙c5 22.♙xc5 ♖xc5 23.♖b8+ ♙c8 24.♘xd5 ♖xc2 25.♘f6+ ♙e7! 26.♖6b7+ ♙xb7 27.♖xb7+ ♙e6 28.♔b3+ (28.♖b6+ ♙e7=) 28...♙xe5 29.♘d7+ ♙d6 30.♔d3+ ♙c6 31.♔f3+ (31.♖b6+ ♔xb6+ 32.♘xb6 ♖c1+ 33.♙f2 ♙xb6=) 31...♙d6=

20.♖1b6 ♖xc3 21.h3!

21.♔d2 ♙c5 22.♖b8+ ♙d7 23.♖8b7+ ♙c8 24.♖b8+=

21...♙c8

21...♖c8 22.♙h2! ♔a4 (22...h6? 23.♖xe6+ fxe6 24.♔g6+ ♙d8 25.♙b6+-; 22...♖g8? 23.♔h5 g6 24.♔h4+-) 23.c3 ♔a3 (23...♙d7



24.e6! ♙xe6 25.♙xg7 ♖c6 26.♙xf8 ♙xf8 27.♔h6+ ♙e8 28.♖b4 ♔a5 29.♔f6+-) 24.♖a7 a5 25.♖ab7 ♖d8 (25...f4 26.♖xe6+ fxe6 27.♔h5+ g6 28.♔g4 ♔e7 (28...♖c6 29.♔xf4 ♙e7 30.♖b8+ ♙d8 31.♔f6+-) 29.♖xe7+ ♙xe7 30.♔xf4±) 26.♖c6±; 21...♖c4

22.♖b8 ♙e7

22...♖c4? 23.♜xf5 ♔d8 24.♜b67+-

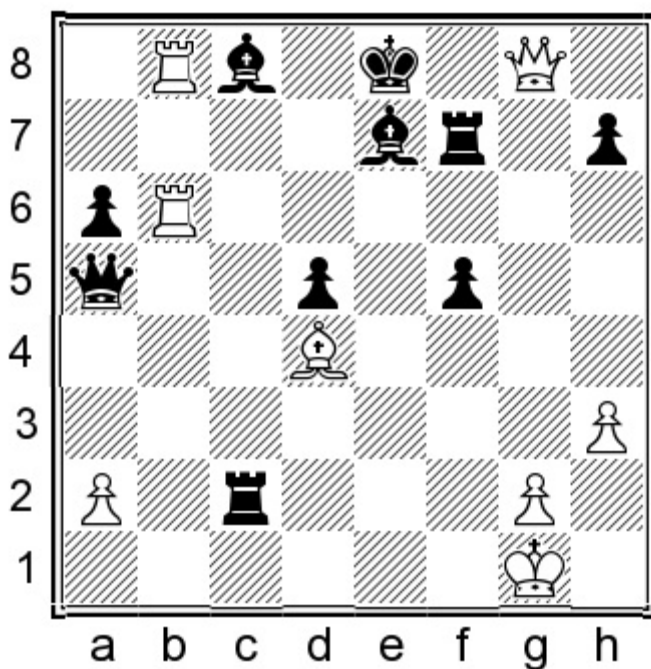
23.♜xg7

23.♜d2 ♕d8! 24.♜xc8 (24.♜xc3 ♜xc3 25.♕xc3 ♕xb6+ 26.♜xb6 O-O=) 24...♜xb6 25.♜xc3 ♜b7
26.♜c6+ ♜xc6 27.♜xc6 a5=

23...♜f8 24.e6 ♜xc2□

24...♖c4 25.exf7+ ♜xf7 26.♜g8+ ♕f8 (26...♜f8 27.♜e6 ♜f6 28.♜xc8+ ♜xc8 29.♜xc8+ ♔f7 30.♜xf6+
♕xf6 31.♜xf5+-) 27.♜e6+ ♜e7 28.♜xe7+ ♔xe7 29.♜xh7+ ♔d6 30.♜g6+ ♕e6 31.♕f2+-

25.exf7+ ♜xf7 26.♜g8+



26...♕f8?

26...♔d7! 27.♜xc8 (27.♜xf7 ♜e1+ 28.♔h2 ♜e4 29.♜g7 ♜f4+ 30.♜g3 ♜xg3+ 31.♔xg3 ♕d6+
32.♜xd6+ ♔xd6=) 27...♜xc8 28.♜xf7 ♜e1+ 29.♔h2 ♜e4 30.♜b7+ (30.♕f2 ♜c2=) 30...♖c7 31.♜xc7+
♔xc7 32.♕c5 ♜f4+ 33.♔h1 ♜f1+=

27.♜e6+ ♜e7 28.♜xe7+ ♔xe7 29.♜xh7+ ♔d6 30.♜g6+ ♕e6 31.♜b6+

31.♜xf8 ♜e1+ 32.♔h2 ♜h4! 33.♕e3 d4 34.♕xd4 ♜f4+ 35.♜g3 ♜xg3+ 36.♔xg3 ♜xa2=

31...♖c6 32.♜xc6+ ♔xc6 33.♜e8+

33.♜xe6+ ♕d6 34.♜c8+ ♕c7=

33...♕d7?!

33...♔d6! 34.♜xf8+ ♔d7 35.♜g7+ ♔e8±

34.♜xf8± ♔b7

34...♖e1+ 35.♔h2 ♜e6±

35.♜g7 ♜e1+ 36.♔h2 ♔c6

36...♜e6

37.♙e5! ♜b4 38.♜f6+ ♔b5 39.♜f7 ♔c6 40.♜g8 d4 41.♜a8+ ♜b7 42.♜f8 ♔b5 43.♜d6 a5 44.♜xd4 ♔a6 45.h4 ♙c6 46.♜d3+ ♔a7 47.♙d4+ ♔a8 48.♜xf5 ♜c7+ 49.♙e5 ♜d8 50.♜f6 ♜d5 51.♜h8+ ♔b7 52.♜g7+ ♔a6 53.a3 ♜e4 54.♜g5 ♜e2 55.♙c7 ♜e1 56.h5

56.♜xa5+! ♜xa5 57.♙xa5 ♔xa5 58.h5 ♔a4 59.g4 ♔xa3 60.♔g3 ♔b4 61.♔f4+-

56...a4 57.h6 ♜e4 58.♙d6 ♙d5 59.♙f4 ♔b5 60.♔h3 ♔c4 61.♙d6 ♔b5 62.♙b4 ♜e6+ 63.♔h2 ♜e4 64.♔h3 ♜d3+ 65.♔h4 ♜d4+ 66.♔h5 ♜d1+ 67.g4 ♜h1+ 68.♔g6 ♜e4+ 69.♜f5 ♜e8+ 70.♔f6 ♔c6 71.♜c2+ ♔b7 72.♜h7+ ♔c6 73.♜g6 ♜e3 74.♔g7+ ♔b5 75.♜f5 ♜d4+ 76.♔g6 ♜b6+ 77.♔h5 ♜d4 78.♜d7+ ♔c4 79.♜c7+ ♔b3 80.♜c3+ 1-0

91. C11

Ivic, Velimir (2581) - Vallejo Pons, Francisco (2710)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/91, 2021

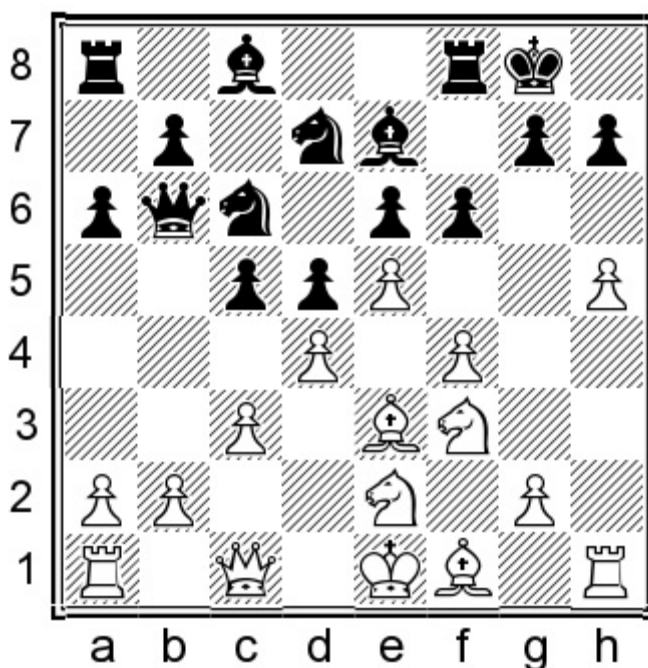
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8.♜d2 b5 - 147/87

8...♜b6 9.♜c1 ♙e7 10.c3 f6 11.h4!?

11.exf6!? ♘xf6 12.dxc5 ♙xc5 13.♙xc5 ♜xc5 14.♘ed4 - 134/93

11...O-O 12.h5



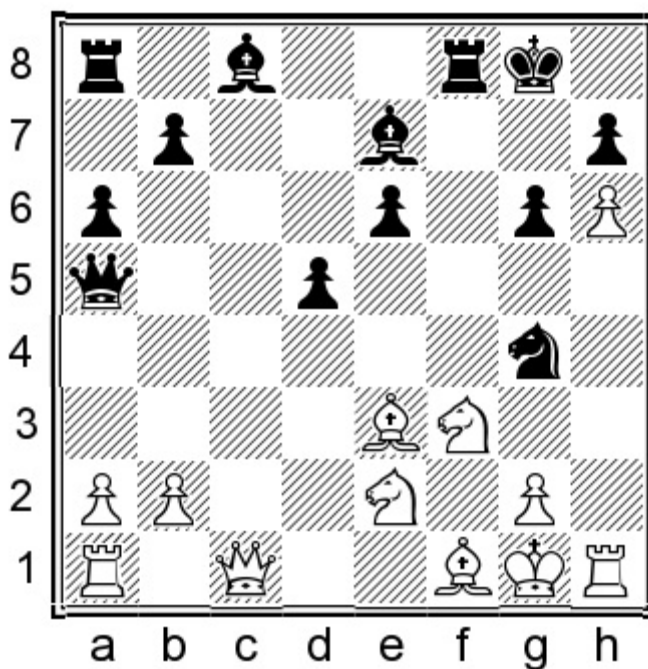
12...♜a5?!

12...h6 13.♖h3 ♔a5! 14.♙d2! (14.♔f2?! cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5! 16.fxe5 ♜dxe5! 17.dxe5 ♜xe5 18.♔g1 ♜g4 19.♖g3 e5∞ - 148/ (95)) 14...♔d8 15.♔c2∞

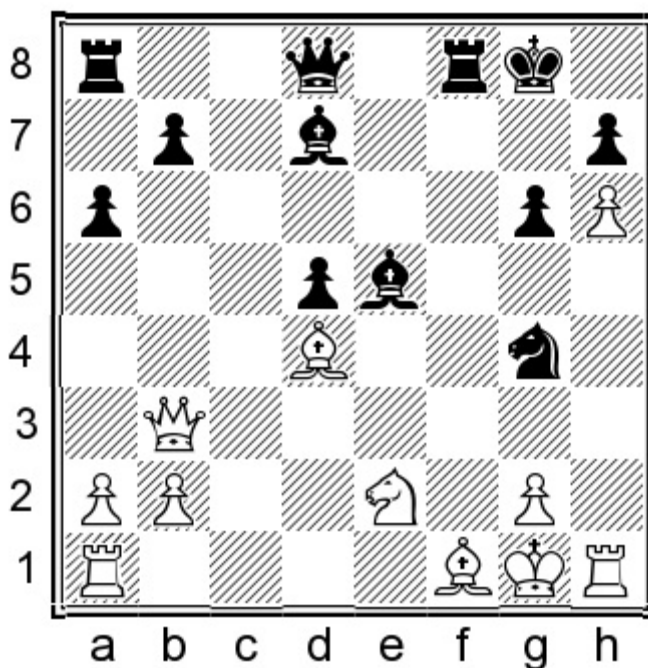
13.h6! g6 14.♔f2N [Δ Kg1]

14.a3 - 148/95

14...cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5 16.fxe5 ♜dxe5 17.dxe5 ♜xe5 18.♔g1 ♜g4



19.♙d4! ♙d7 20.♔e1 ♔d8 21.♔g3 e5 22.♜xe5 ♙d6 23.♔b3! ♙xe5

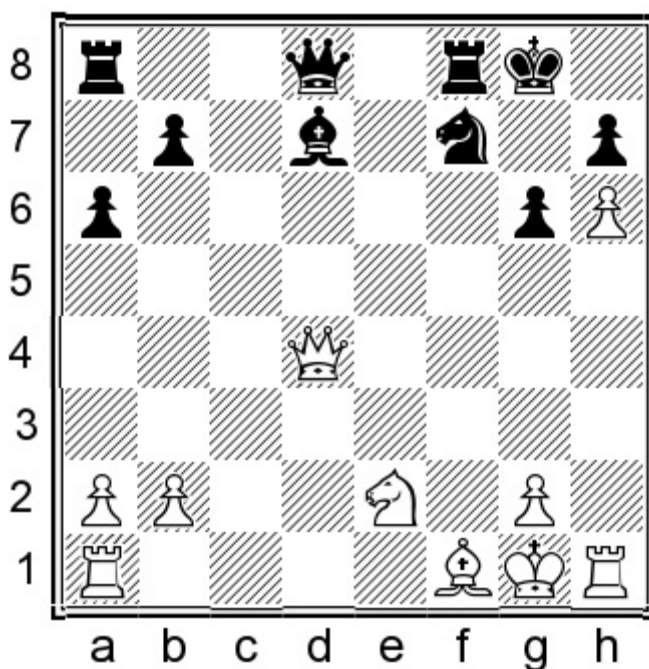


24.♙xe5!

24. ♖xd5+?? ♜f7 25. ♙xe5 ♜g5!-+

24... ♜g5

24... ♘xe5 25. ♖xd5+ ♘f7 26. ♖d4+-



Δ Qg7

25. ♙d4 [Δ Rh3] 25... ♜f7 26. ♜g3 ♜af8 27. ♜h4 ♜f5 28. ♜xg4 ♜xg4 29. ♜e5 ♜f6 30. ♘c3 ♙c6 31. ♘xd5 1-0

92. C13

Hovhannisyan, Robert (2632) - Cabarkapa, Novak (2478)

Beograd 149/92, 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4. ♙g5 dxe4 5. ♘xe4 ♙e7 6. ♙xf6 gxf6 7. ♜d2 a6 8.O-O-O f5 9. ♘g3 c5

9...b5 - 142/97

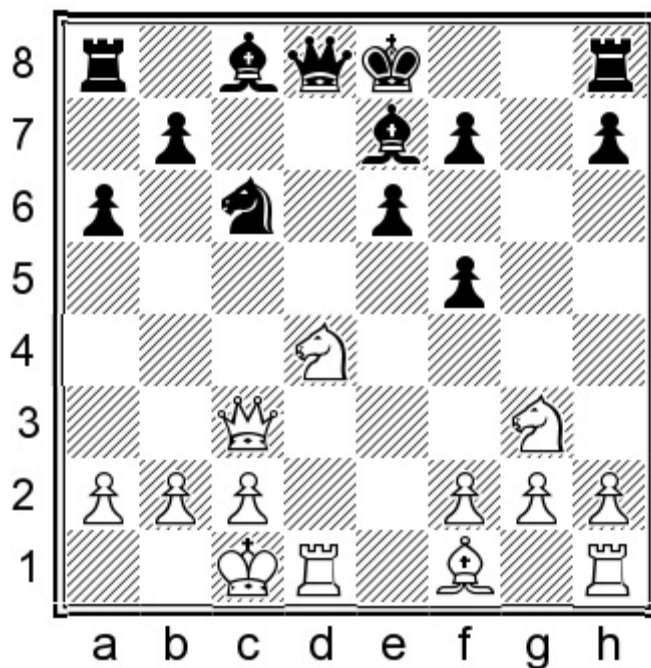
10. ♘f3 cxd4

10... ♘c6 11.d5! exd5 (11... ♖xd5 12. ♜c3 ♘d4 13. ♙c4 ♜c6 (13... ♜d7 14. ♜he1 ♙f6 15. ♘b1+-) 14. ♜xd4! cxd4 15. ♘xd4 ♜xg2 (15... ♙f6 16. ♘h5 ♙e5 17.f4 ♜xg2 18. ♜e1+-) 16. ♘xe6! ♙xe6 17. ♜xh8+ ♙f8 18. ♙xe6 fxe6 19. ♜f6 ♜d5 20. ♜e1+-) 12. ♙d3 ♙e6 13. ♘xf5±

11. ♘xd4 ♘c6?

11... ♜g8 12. ♜c3 ♙d7 13. ♙c4 ♜b6 14. ♘h5→

12. ♜c3!



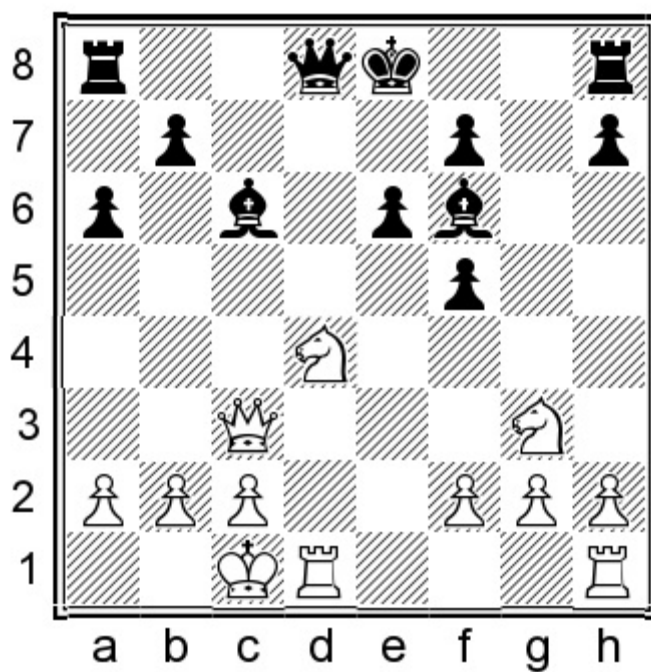
12...Qf6?!N

12...Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Qd7 14.Nh5 Rg8 15.Qc4±; 12...Qa5! 13.Nxe6 Qxc3 14.Nc7+ Qf8 15.bxc3 Rb8 16.Qb2 Rg8±

13.Qb5! Qd7

13...axb5 14.Nxc6 Qd7 15.Rxd7! Qxd7 (15...Qxd7 16.Rd1+ Qc7 17.Ne5+-) 16.Qxf6+-; 13...O-O 14.Qxc6 bxc6 15.Nh5 Qxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4+-

14.Qxc6 Qxc6



15.Nh5

15. ♖gxf5! exf5 (15... ♗xg2 16. ♖hg1 ♗d5 17. ♗b4+-) 16. ♖he1+ ♗e4 (16... ♖f8 17. ♗c5+! ♗e7 18. ♗xf5+-) 17. f3 ♖c8 (17... O-O 18. fxe4 ♗d6 19. ♗e3 fxe4 20. ♗xe4±) 18. ♗b4 ♗xd4 19. ♖xd4 ♖xc2+ 20. ♖d1 ♗e7 21. ♖dxe4 fxe4 22. ♗xe7+ ♖xe7 23. ♖xe4+ ♖f6 24. ♖xc2±

15... ♖c8?

15... ♖g8 16. ♗c5 ♗xd4 (16... ♗e7 17. ♗e5 ♗d5 18. ♖g7+ ♖xg7 19. ♗xg7 ♗f8 20. ♗f6 ♗xa2 21. ♖xc6 bxc6 22. ♖he1±) 17. ♖xd4 ♗g5+ 18. ♖f4 ♗e7 19. ♗e5±

16. ♖he1 ♗xd4

♞16... ♖g8 17. ♖xf6+ ♗xf6 18. g3 f4 19. ♗b3+-

17. ♖xd4 ♗g5+ 18. ♖d2 ♖e7 19. ♗c5+ ♖e8 20. ♗e5 ♖e7 21. ♗d6+ ♖e8 1-0

93. C15

Heimann, Andreas (2599) - Meier, Georg (2628)
Magdeburg 149/93, 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. ♖c3 ♗b4 4. ♖e2 dxe4 5.a3 ♗e7 6. ♖xe4 ♖f6 7. ♖xf6+ ♗xf6 8. ♗e3 ♖c6 8...b6 - 131/101

9. ♗d2 ♖e7

9...b6!? 10.O-O-O ♗b7 11. ♖g3 ♗e7 12. ♖h5 O-O-O 13. ♖xf6 gxf6±

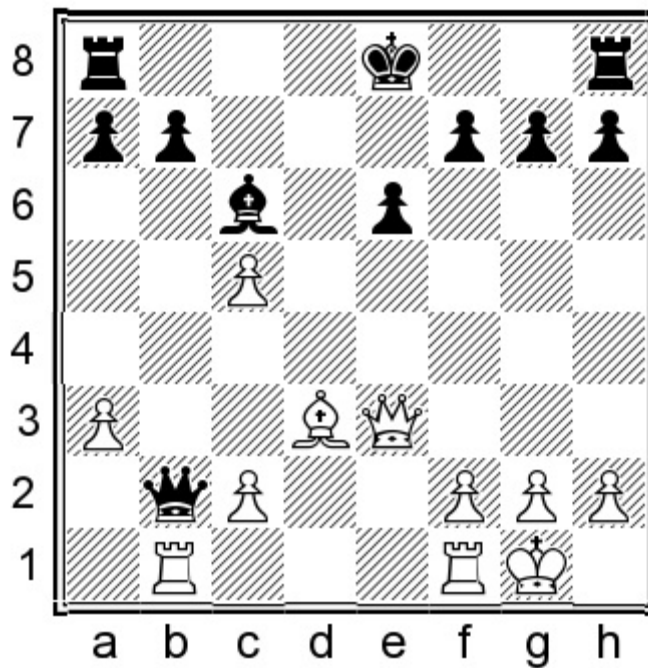
10. ♖g3 ♖d5 11. ♖h5N

11.O-O-O

11... ♖xe3 12. ♖xf6+ ♗xf6 13. ♗xe3 ♗d7 14. ♗d3 c5 15.dxc5

15.d5 ♗xb2 16.O-O ♗d4 17.dxe6 ♗xe6 18. ♗b5+ ♖f8∞

15... ♗xb2 16.O-O ♗c6 17. ♖ab1



17...Qxa3?!

17...Qf6! 18.Ke4 O-O 19.Rxb7 Qxb7 20.Qxb7 Rb8 21.c6 Qe7 22.Qxa7 Rb2 (22...Ra8!? 23.Qxa8 Rxa8 24.Qxa8 Qxa3 25.Rd1 Qa5 26.g3 g5) 23.a4 Rxc2 24.Qb6 Qa3 25.a5 Rcl=

18.Qd4 Rb8?

18...Qa2! 19.Rb3 (19.Qxg7 O-O-O 20.Qxf7 (20.f3 Rhg8 21.Qxf7 Rdf8 22.Qxh7 Qxf3 23.Qg6 Qc6) 20...Qxg2! 21.Qxg2 Qd5+ 22.f3 Rdf8 23.Qxb7+ Qxb7 24.Rxb7 Qxb7 25.Qe4+ Qc8 26.Ra1 Rf7=) 19...O-O 20.Ra1 Rb8 21.Qc3 (21.Qe5 Rxd3 22.Rxd3 Qxc2 23.Rg3 g6) 21...Rxd3! 22.cxd3 Qe2 23.h3 Rb8±

19.Qxg7 Rf8 20.Qxh7

20.Qxh7! Qxc5 21.Qe4±

20...Qxc5 21.Rfd1?!

21.Rbe1 Rb6 22.Rc3±

21...Qe7= 22.Qg3 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Qh5

23...Rc8! 24.Qh4+ (24.h3 a5=) 24...Qe8 25.Qg4 Qe7=

24.Qd6+ Qf6 25.Qf4+ Qe7 26.Qd6+

26.g4!? Qh4 (26...Qh3? 27.f3 Qxh7 28.Qd6+ Qf6 29.Qxf8 Qxf3 30.Rd7+-; 26...Qc5? 27.g5 Qd5 28.Qf6+ Qe8 29.Qe5+-) 27.Qe4 Rg8 28.f3 Qxe4 29.Qxe4 b6 30.Qb4+ Qf6 31.Rd7 Qg7! 32.Rxa7 Qf6 33.Qg2 Rb8 34.Qe4 Qg5=

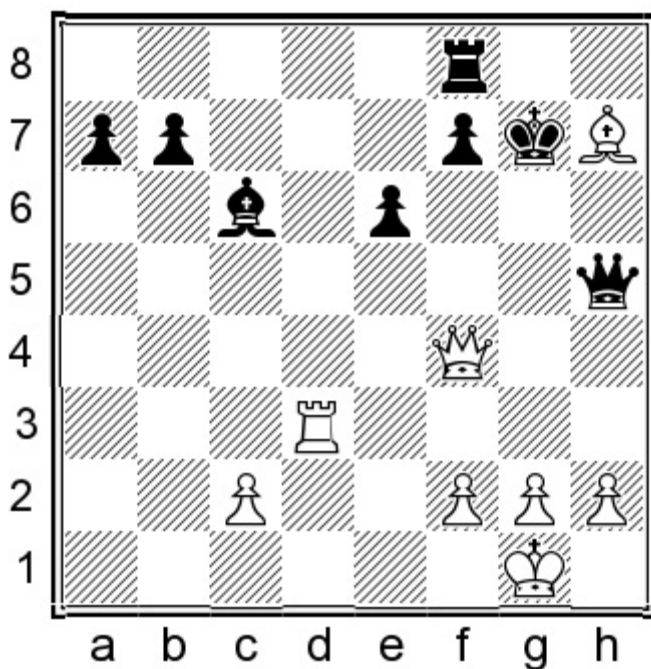
26...Qf6 27.Qf4+

27.♖d4 ♜g5□ (27...♔g7? 28.h3! f5 (28...♖c8 29.♖g4+ ♔xh7 30.♜g3+-) 29.♜c7+ ♔h6 (29...♖f7 30.♜g3+ ♔f6 31.♙xf5!+-) 30.♜e7 ♖f7 31.♜d8 f4 32.♙e4+-) 28.g3 ♔g7 29.♙d3 e5 30.f4 exf4 31.♖xf4 ♖d8 32.♜a3 a6 33.♜c3+ ♔g8∞

27...♔g7

27...♔e7=

28.♖d3



28...e5

28...♖h8 29.♖g3+ ♔f8 30.♜b8+ ♔e7 31.♜c7+ ♔e8 32.♜b8+ ♔e7=; 28...♙xg2! 29.♙f5 (29.♔xg2 ♔xh7=) 29...exf5 30.♖g3+ ♔h7 31.♖g5 ♜h3 32.♖g3 ♜h5=

29.♜b4 ♜h6 30.♖g3+

30.♜g4+ ♔h8 31.♙e4 ♖g8 32.♜h3 ♜xh3 33.♖xh3+ ♔g7 34.♙xc6 bxc6 35.♖g3+ ♔h7 36.♖a3 ♖d8 37.g3 ♔g6 38.♖xa7 ♖d1+! 39.♔g2 ♖d2 40.♖a5 (40.c3 ♖c2=) 40...e4 41.♖c5 e3 42.♔f3 exf2 43.♖xc6+ f6 44.♔g2 f1=♜+ 45.♔xf1 ♖xh2=

30...♔h8 31.♜a3 ♖d8 32.♙d3 ♖g8 33.♜a1

33.♙g6 ♜f8 34.♖h3+ ♔g7 35.♜e3 fxc6 36.♜xe5+ ♔f7 37.♖h7+ ♖g7 38.♜f4+ ♔e7 39.♜e5+ ♔f7=

33...♖xg3 34.hxg3 ♜g5= 35.♜xa7 ♜c1+ 36.♔h2 ♜h6+ 37.♔g1 ♜c1+ 38.♔h2 ♜h6+ 39.♔g1 ♜c1+ 40.♔h2 ♜h6+ 1/2-1/2

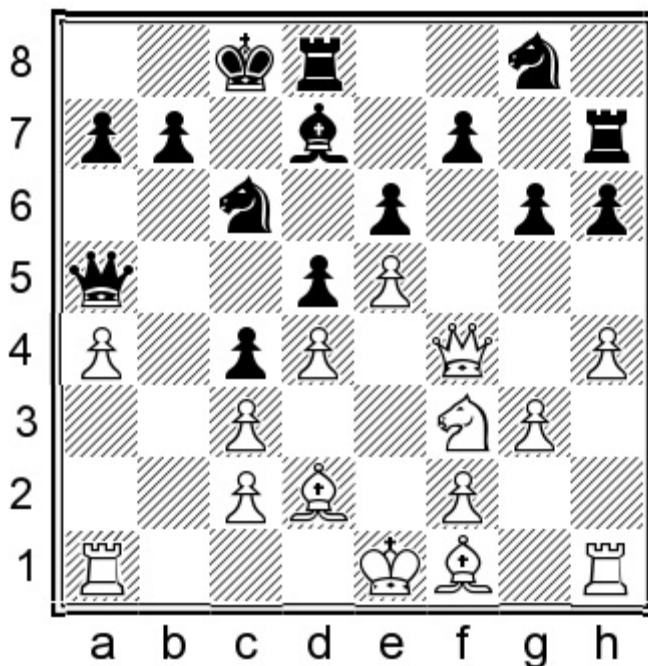
94. C18

Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Hungaski, Robert Andrew (2514)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/94, 2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♙xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♘c6!? 7.♚g4 g6 8.a4!? ♚a5

8...♚c7 - 102/215

9.♙d2 ♙d7 10.♘f3 c4 11.♚f4 h6 12.h4 ♖h7 13.g3 O-O-O



14.♙g2!?N

14.♙h3

14...♔b8 15.O-O ♔a8 16.♚e3 ♘ge7 17.♚e1 ♖dh8 18.♘h2 ♚d8 19.♘g4 ♘g8 20.♙f4 f5 21.exf6 ♘xf6 22.♘e5 ♘xe5 23.♙xe5 g5 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.f3 ♖f8 26.a5! ♘g8 27.a6 b6 28.f4! gxf4 29.♙xf4

29.♚e4!!+-

29...♘e7 30.♚e2 ♘c6 31.♖f3 ♖g8 32.♖af1 ♚c8

32...♚f8!?

33.♖e3 ♖g6 34.♙d6 ♚xa6 35.♖f8+ ♔b7 36.♚d1 ♚a2 37.♖e1 ♚b2 38.♚d2 a5 39.♖ff1 ♚b5 40.♖b1 ♚a6 41.♖f8 ♖hg7 42.♚f4 a4 43.♚h4 a3 44.♚h8 ♚a7 45.♖a8 ♚xa8 46.♖xb6+

46.♚xa8+? ♔xa8 47.♖a1 ♔b7-+

46...♔xb6

46...♔a7!?

47.♚xa8± ♖xg3 48.♙xg3 ♖xg3 49.♚xa3 ♔c7 50.♔f2 ♖g8 51.♙f3 ♙e8 52.♚c1 ♙g6 53.♚g5 ♔d6 54.♙g4 ♖f8+ 55.♔g3 ♙xc2 56.♚c1+- ♖b8 57.♚xc2 ♖b3 58.♔f2 ♘a7 59.♚e2 ♘b5 60.♚xe6+ ♔c7 61.♚xd5 1-0

C25-C49

95. ** C41

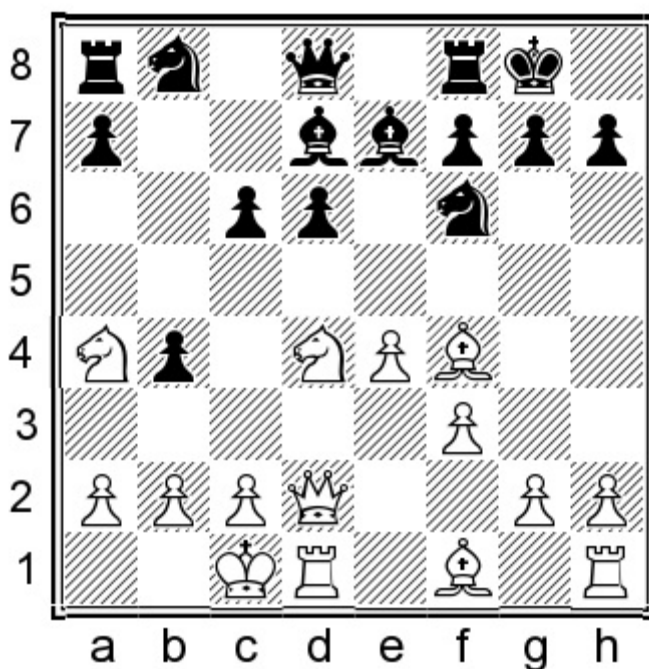
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2625) - Zavgorodniy, Sergiy (2418)
tornelo.com (Int.-rapid) 149/95, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4 ♘f6 5.♗c3 ♙e7 6.♙f4 O-O 7.♚d2 c6 8.O-O-O b5 9.f3 b4
10.♗a4!

10.♗ce2 - 96/214; 10.♗b1 - 146/101

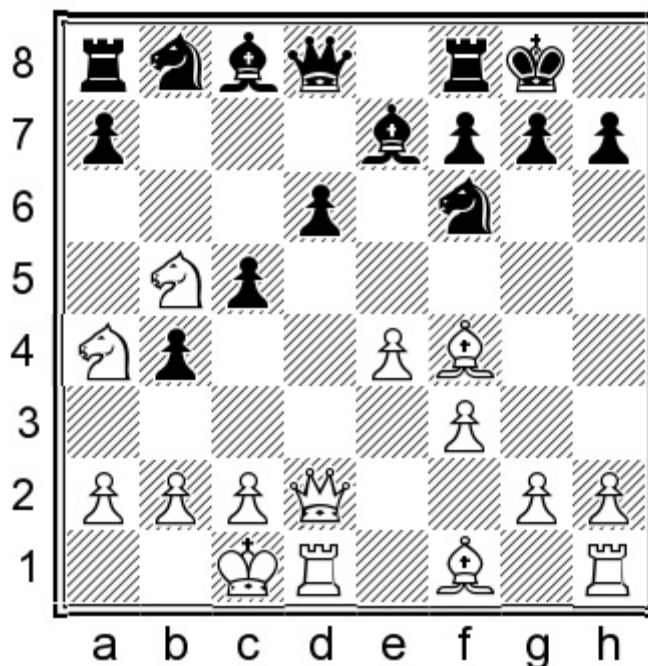
10...c5

10...d5?? 11.♙xb8+-; 10...♚a5 11.b3 c5 12.♗b5 ♙d7 13.♙xd6 ♙xd6 14.♗xd6 ♙xa4 15.bxa4 ♗c6
16.♙c4±; 10...♙d7



11.b3 (11.g4! c5 (11...♚a5 12.b3 ♗a6 13.♙xa6 ♚xa6 14.♗f5 ♙xf5 15.gxf5±) 12.♗f5! ♙xa4
13.♗xe7+ ♚xe7 14.♙xd6 ♚e8N (14...♚d8 15.♚f4 ♗bd7 (15...♗fd7 16.♙xf8 ♚xf8 17.♚c7+-)
16.e5+-) 15.♙xc5 a5 16.♙xf8 ♚xf8 17.g5 (17.e5! ♗fd7 18.♚e3 ♗c5 19.♙c4±) 17...♗fd7 18.h4→
Gokerkan,C (2470)-Plat,V (2556) tornelo.com (Int.-m/1) 149/(95) 2021) 11...d5 12.♗f5?! (12.g4!)
12...♙xf5 13.exf5 ♙e8N (13...♗bd7! 14.g4 ♗b6±) 14.g4 ♙d6 15.♗b1 a5 16.h4 ♙xf4 17.♚xf4 ♗bd7
18.h5 h6 19.g5 hxg5 20.♚xg5 ♗h7 21.♚g1 ♚g5∞ Subelj,J (2430)-Plat,V (2555) tornelo.com (Int.-
rapid) 149/(95) 2021

11.♗b5



11...♖c6?N

11...♖d7 12.b3 ♖h5 (12...♔a5 13.♖xd6 (13.♖xd6!?) 13...♖xd6 14.♖xd6 ♖xa4 15.bxa4 ♖c6 (15...♖xa4 16.♖b1 ♖a3 17.e5 ♖fd7 18.e6! ♖b6 (18...fxe6 19.♖e2+- ♖Qe4) 19.♖b5 ♖a5 20.e7 ♖e8 21.♖c7+-) 16.♖f5 ♖xa4 17.♖c4 ♖d4 18.♖xg7! ♖xg7 19.♖g5+ ♖h8 20.♖xf6+ ♖g8 21.♖b3 ♖a5 22.♖he1 ♖b6 23.♖g5+ ♖h8 24.e5±) 13.♖e3 ♖a5 14.♖xd6 ♖xa4 15.bxa4 ♖c6 16.♖d5 ♖xd6 17.♖xc6 ♖f4 18.♖xf4 ♖xf4 19.♖c4±; 11...♖a5 12.b3 - 10... ♖a5

12.♖xd6 a6 13.♖c7

13.♖xe7 ♖xe7 14.♖d6 ♖e6 (14...h6 15.♖b6+-) 15.♖g5+-

13...♖a7 14.♖xe7 ♖xe7 15.♖d5 ♖xd5 16.♖xd5 b3

16...♖d7 17.♖xc5 (17.♖xc6?? ♖g5+-) 17...♖xd1+ 18.♖xd1 ♖d8+ 19.♖d3+-

17.axb3 ♖b4 18.♖xc5 ♖xc5 19.♖xc5 ♖c7 20.♖d4 ♖a2+ 21.♖b1 ♖xc5 22.♖a4 f5 23.♖c4+ ♖h8 24.♖e1 fxe4 25.♖xe4 ♖f5 26.♖e2 1-0

96. !N C42

Bjerre, Jonas Buhl (2550) - Banusz, Tamas (2631)

Reykjavik 149/96, 2021

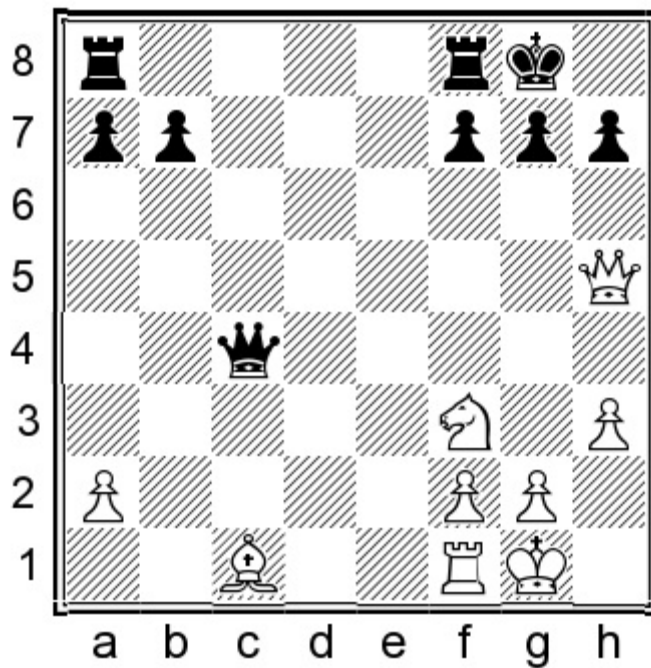
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15...♖xf3 - 93/(241)

16.♖xd5 ♖h2+ 17.♖xh2 ♖xd5 18.♖xc4 ♖xc4 19.♖xh5 ♖xd4

19...♖xa2 - 45/352

20. f3 c4



21. h4!N

21.a3

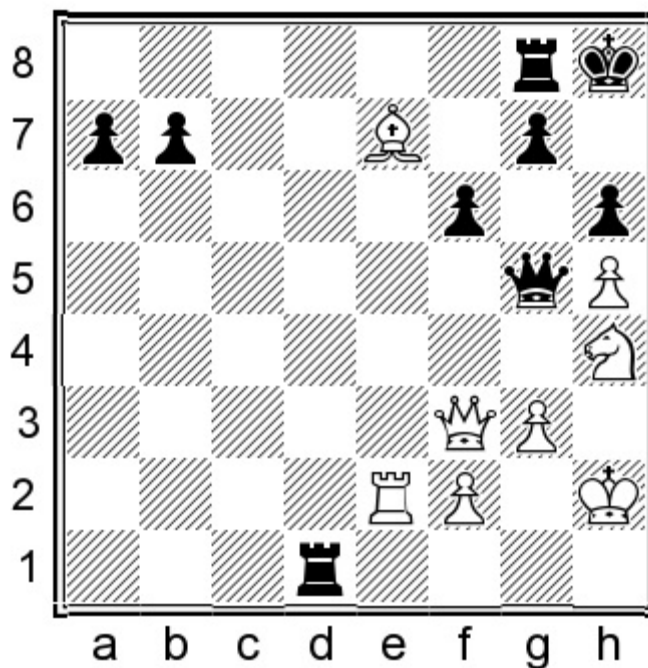
21..f6

21...♔xa2 22.♘f5 f6 23.♙h6! ♖f7 24.♔g4 g6 25.♖e1 →

22.♘f5 ♜fd8 23.♚f3 ♜d7 24.♞e1 ♚xa2 25.♙a3

25. ♖h6! gxh6 (25... ♖ad8 26. ♙xg7 ♜xg7 27. ♜xg7 ♙xg7 28. ♜e7+-) 26. ♜xh6+ ♙g7 27. ♚g4+ ♙xh6
28. ♚xd7+-

25...♔h8 26.h4 ♚ad8 27.♙e7 ♚d2 28.♞e2 ♚c1+ 29.♔h2 ♞g8 30.h5 h6 31.♘h4 ♚d1 32.g3 ♚g5



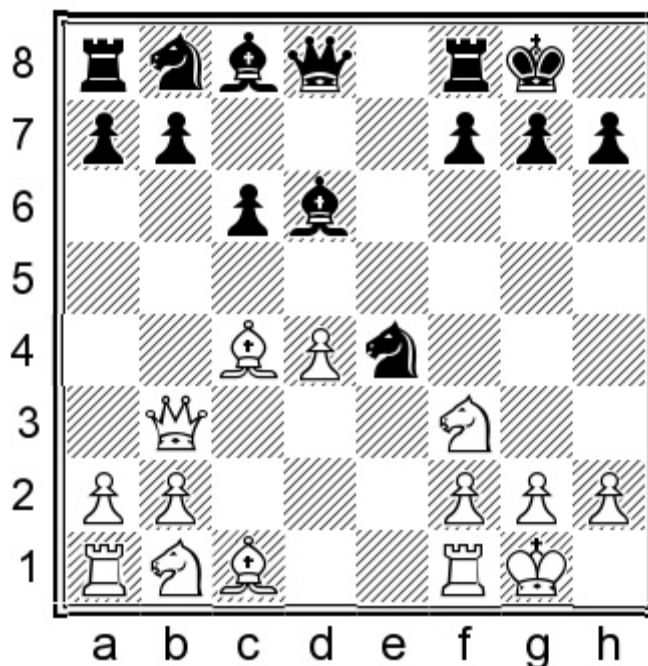
32... ♖c6 33. ♗g6+ ♔h7 34. ♕xc6 bxc6 35. ♘f8+! ♔h8 36. ♖e6 ♖c1 37. ♖d6 c5 38. ♖d7 c4 39. ♗g6+ ♔h7 40. ♕xf6 c3 41. ♖c7 c2 (41... a5 42. ♕xc3 a4 43. ♗f4 a3 44. ♗d5 ♔h8 45. ♖a7 ♖c2 46. ♔g2 a2 47. ♕a1 ♖c5 48. ♗e7+-) 42. ♕b2+-

33. ♖e5!! ♖c1 34. ♕xf6! ♖e1 35. ♖xe1 ♕xe1 36. ♖f4 1-0

97. C42

Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782)
Saint Louis (rapid) 149/97, 2021

1.e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗f6 3. ♗xe5 d6 4. ♗f3 ♗xe4 5.d4 d5 6. ♕d3 ♕d6 7.O-O O-O 8.c4 c6 9. ♖b3 dxc4 10. ♕xc4



10...b5!?N

10...b5!?N 11. d3 c6 12. e1 b6 13. d3 e6 14. c2 h6 15. h3 e8 16. d2 c7 17. e2 c4 18. a1 d3 19. e8+ e8 20. e8+ d8 21. d3 f6=; 10...d7 - 137/101

11. d3 f6 12. e1 a6 13. a3 g4 14. c2

14. d2 e8 15. e8+ e8 16. c2 c8 (16...c5? 17. e4 d4 18. e4 c8 19. e4 h7+ (19. e4 b7?! c7 20. e4 a6 cxd4 21. d3 c6! 22. e4 b5 cxc1+ 23. e4 c1 e4 c1+ 24. e4 f1 e4 f1+ 25. e4 f1 e4 f3 26. gxf3=) 19...f8 20. e4 f5 e4 f3 21. gxf3 c7 22. e4 g5 cxd4 23. d3 d3 17. b4 d7 18. e4 b2 dcd5 19. e1 d8 20. d5 e6 21. d3 b3)

14...e8 15. d5 c7 16. g3?!

16. f4 e5 17. g3 e8 18. d3 d5! 19. dxc5 e5

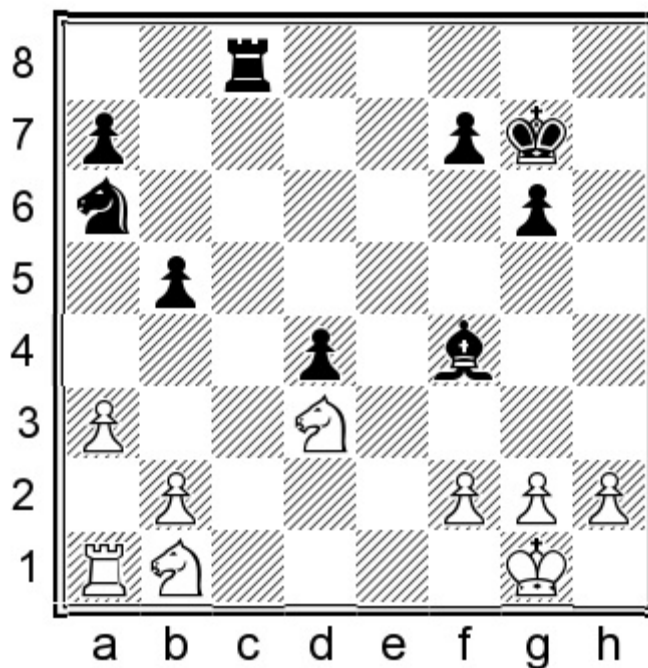
16...c5! 17. g5 cxd4 18. e6 c2 19. g4 g6! 20. g6?!

20. d2 e6 21. d3 e3

20...hxg6 21. e7 g7 22. f3 e1+?!

22...d5! 23. d2 d3

23. e1 f4 24. d3 c8



25.♔f1?

25.b4! ♖c2 26.♔f1 ♕d6 27.♔e1 ♜c7 28.♞d2 ♞d5 29.♞f3 ♖c4 30.g3=

25...♞c5! 26.♞xf4 ♞b3 27.♖a2 ♖c1+ 28.♔e2 ♖xb1 29.♞d3 a5! 30.g4 a4 31.♔f3 ♖d1 32.♞b4 d3 0-1

98. * !N C43

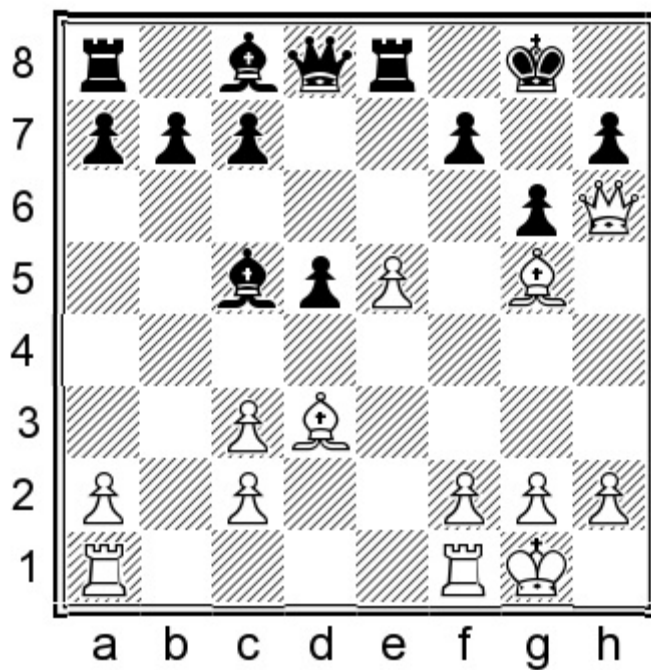
Fier, Alexandr (2569) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2726)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/98, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♞f3 ♞f6 3.d4 ♞xe4 4.♕d3 d5 5.♞xe5 ♞d7 6.♞c3 ♞xe5 7.dxe5 ♞xc3 8.bxc3 ♕c5 9.O-O O-O

9...c6 - 58/340

10.♖h5 g6 11.♖h6 ♖e8 12.♕g5



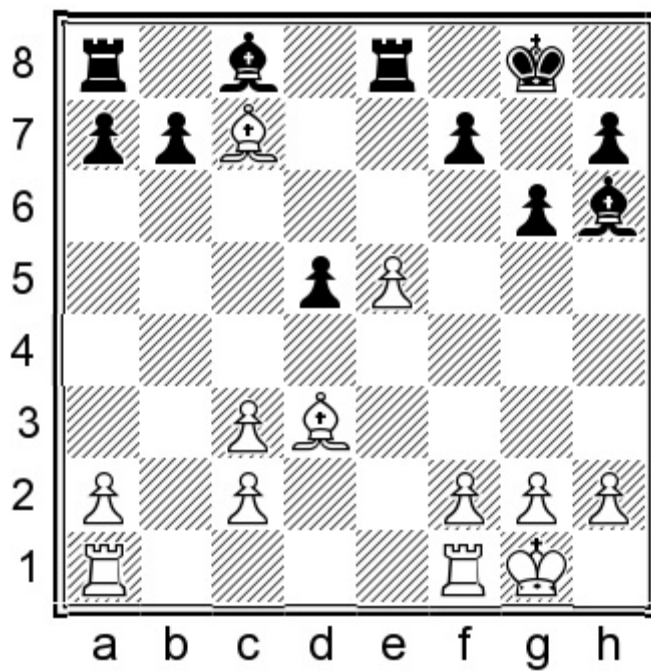
12...Qf8!N

12...Qe7 13.Qxe7 Kxe7 14.f4±

13.Qxd8

13.Kh4 Qe7=

13...Qxh6 14.Qxc7



14...Qf5!N

14...Qd7 - 149/(98) 15.Bab1 b6 16.Qa6 Qc6 17.Qd6 Qf4 18.c4 d4 19.Bfe1 f6 20.c5 Qxe5 21.Bed1

♔f7 22.♙xe5 fxe5 23.cxb6 axb6 24.♞xb6 ♕d5 25.c3 1/2 (25) Konstantinov,M-Murden,C corr 149/ (98) 2020

15.♞ab1

15.♞ad1 ♕xd3! (15...♞ac8 16.♙b5!; 15...♞ec8 16.♕d6 ♞xc3 17.♙xf5 gxf5 18.♞xd5 ♞xc2±) 16.♞xd3 ♞ac8 17.♕d6 ♕f8!=; 15.♞fd1 ♕xd3 16.♞xd3 ♞ac8 17.♕d6 ♕f8!

15...♞ac8

15...♕xd3 16.cxd3 ♞ac8 17.♕d6 b6 18.♞b5 ♞xc3 19.♞xd5 ♞d8!= Δ Bf8

16.♙b5! ♞e6 17.♕d6 ♞xc3 18.♕d7 ♞xd6?!

18...b6! 19.♙xe6 fxe6=

19.exd6 ♕xd7 20.♞xb7 ♕e6 21.d7 ♕g5 22.♞b8+ ♔g7 23.d8=♚ ♕xd8 24.♞xd8 ♞xc2 25.♞a1 a5 26.♞a8

26.a4!±

26...d4! 27.♞d1 ♞xa2 28.f3 a4 29.♞xd4 ♞a1+ 30.♔f2 a3 31.♞da4 1/2-1/2

99. * C47

Xiong, Jeffery (2710) - Le, Quang Liem (2709)

Saint Louis (blitz) 149/99, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.d4 exd4 5.♘xd4 ♘xe4!? 6.♘xe4 ♚e7 7.f3

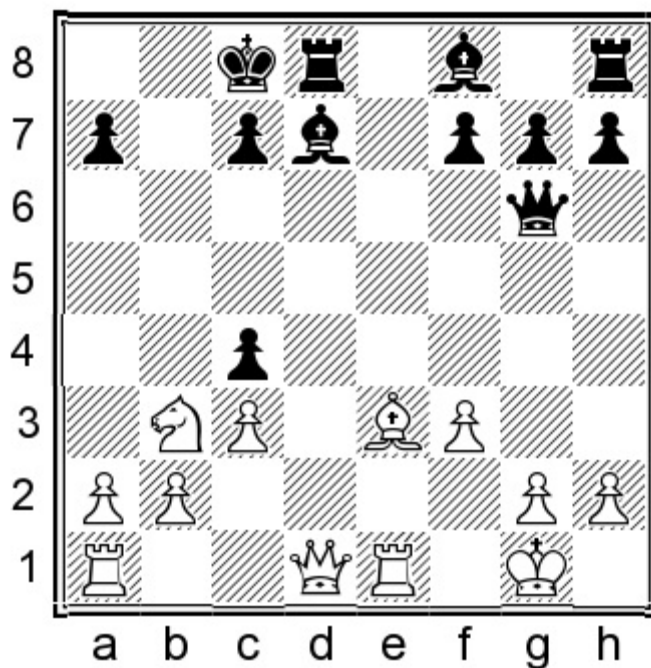
7.♕e2 - 22/269

7...d5 8.♙b5 ♕d7 9.O-O dxe4 10.♙xc6 bxc6 11.♞e1 O-O-O 12.♞xe4 ♚b4

12...♚f6 13.♚e2 c5 14.♘b3 ♚b6 15.♕e3±

13.♚e2

13.c3 ♚b6 14.♞e1N (14.♚e1) 14...c5 15.♘b3 c4+ 16.♕e3 ♚g6



17.♘c5?! (17.♘d2! ♚a6 18.♚e2 ♙e6 19.♙d4 h5 20.♚f2 ♘b8 21.b4↑) 17...♙h3 18.♚e2 ♜e8! 19.♘e4 f5 20.♘g3? (20.♘h1! ♙xg2+ 21.♚xg2 fxe4 22.fxe4 ♚xe4 23.♚xe4 ♜xe4 24.♙xa7 ♜xe1+ 25.♜xe1 ♘d7 26.♙d4 ♙d6 27.♙xg7 ♜a8 28.a3 ♜b8 29.♜e2 ♘c6) 20...♙c5 21.♙xc5 (21.♚f2 ♜xe3 22.♜xe3 ♚b6 23.♘f1 f4 24.gxh3 fxe3 25.♚e2 ♜d8-+) 21...♜xe2 22.♜xe2 f4 23.♘e4 ♜e8 24.♘h1 ♜xe4 25.fxe4 f3! 26.♜f2 (26.gxf3 ♚h5-+) 26...♙xg2+ 27.♘g1 ♚xe4-+ Pahud,C (2200) -Puranik,A (2589) Biel (open) 149/(99) 2021

13...♙c5 14.♙e3N

14.c3 ♚b5 15.♙e3 ♚xe2 16.♘xe2 ♙b6=

14...♜he8 15.c3 ♚b7 16.b4 ♜xe4 17.fxe4 ♙d6 18.♚c4 ♜e8 19.♚xf7

19.♙f2! ♜xe4 20.♚xf7

19...c5!⇌ 20.bxc5

20.♘f5 ♙xh2+!? 21.♘xh2 ♚xe4 22.♙xc5 ♙xf5 23.♙xa7 ♚h4+ 24.♘g1 ♜e1+ 25.♜xe1 ♚xe1+ 26.♘h2 ♚h4+=

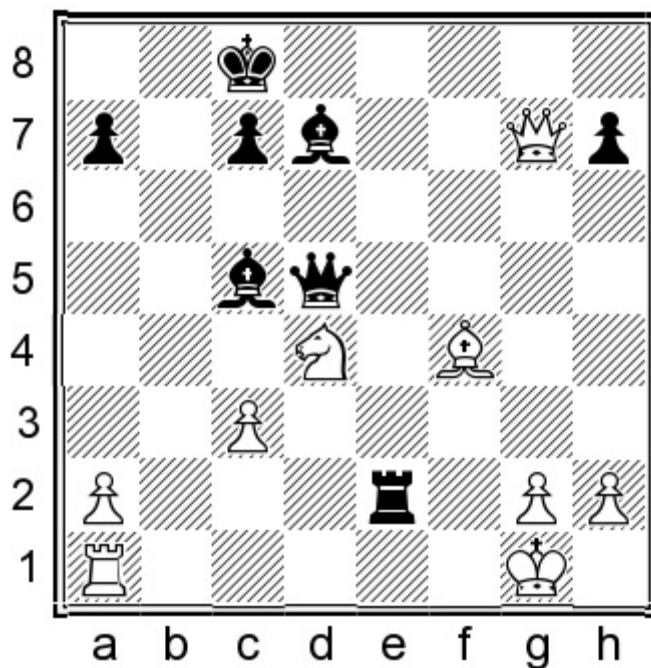
20...♚xe4 21.♙f2 ♙xc5 22.♚xg7

22.♜e1 ♚g6 23.♚xg6 ♜xe1+ 24.♙xe1 hxg6=

22...♚d5 23.♙g3 ♜e2

○23...♙b6↑ △ Bc6

24.♙f4?



24...Rxa2?

24...Rxe4! 25.Qh8+ Kxb7 26.Rb1+ (26.Bg3? Rxd4++) 26...Bb6 27.Bg3 Qxa2-+

25.Rxa2 Qxa2 26.h3

26.Qxh7 Qc4 27.Kf2 a5 28.Qh8+ Kxb7 29.Qd8 Bxd4+ 30.cxd4 Qxd4+ 31.Kg3=

26...Qd5 27.Kh2 h5 28.Bf3 a5 29.Be5 a4 30.Bxd7 Qxd7 31.Qh8+ Kxb7 32.Qxh5 Qc6

32...Bd6 33.g3 a3 34.Qd5+ Qc6 35.Qb3+ Qb6 36.Qd5+ Kb8 37.Bxd6 Qxd6 38.Qb5+ Kc8

33.c4?

33.Qf7 a3 34.h4 Bd6 35.Bxd6 Qxd6+ 36.Kh3

33...a3 34.Qd1 Bd6 35.Qb3+ Qb6 36.Qf3+ Kb8 37.Bxd6 Qxd6+ 38.Kh1 Qb4 39.Qe2 Qb1+ 40.Kh2 a2 41.Qe8+ Kxb7 42.Qe4+ Qxe4 0-1

C50-C74

100. C54

Fier, Alexandr (2569) - Pechac, Jergus (2523)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/5-rapid) 149/100, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♙c5 5.c3 a6 6.♙g5!? h6 7.♙h4 ♙a7 8.♘bd2 d6 9.a4 g5

9...♚e7 10.O-O ♙e6

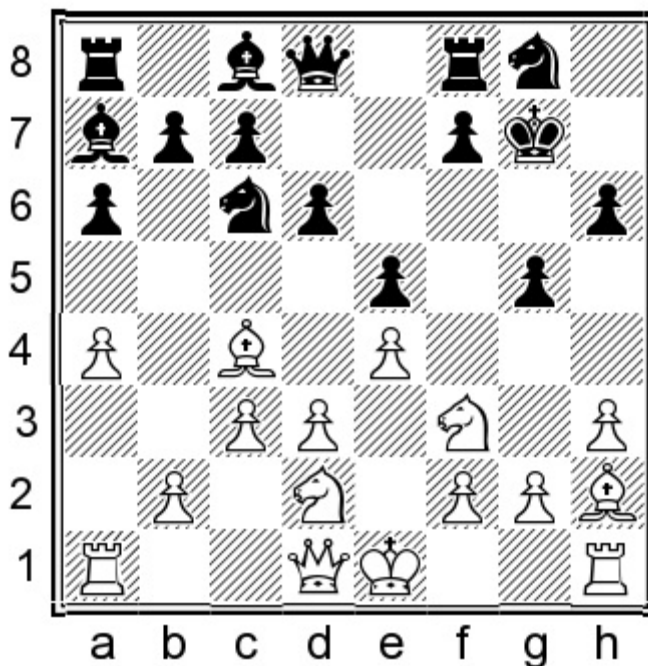
10.♙g3 O-O

10...♚e7 11.O-O ♘d7!? Δ Nf8-g6

11.h3

11.O-O - 143/104

11...♔g7 12.♙h2 ♘g8



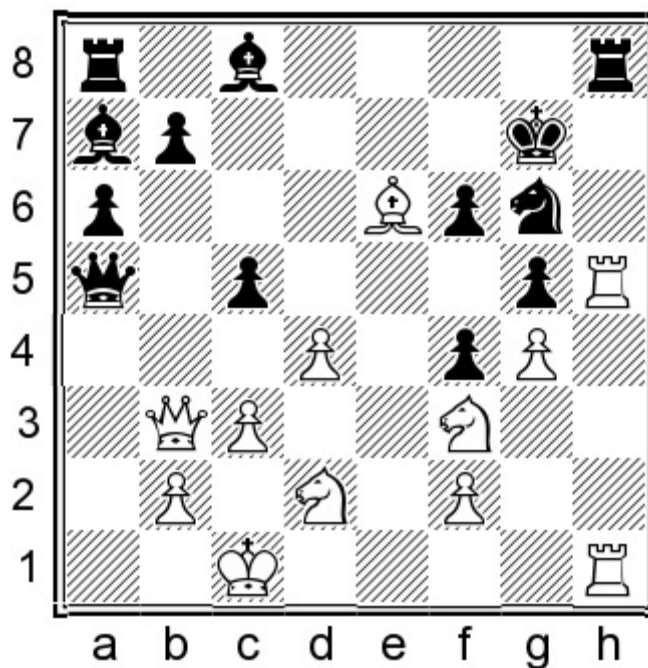
13.g4!? ♘ge7 14.a5 d5?N

14...♞b8 15.♘f1 d5 16.exd5∞

15.exd5 ♘xd5 16.♚b3! ♘f4 17.♙xf4 exf4 18.d4± ♘e7? 19.h4! f6 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.♙e6

21.♙d3 ♞h8 22.O-O-O+-

21...c5 22.O-O-O ♚xa5 23.♞h5! ♘g6 24.♞dh1 ♞h8



25.♔g8!!+- c4

25...♖xh5 26.♜f7+ ♔h8 27.♖xh5#; 25...♖xg8 26.♖h7+ ♔f8 27.♜f7#

26.♜xc4 ♔e6 27.♔xe6 1-0

101. * C54

Saric, Ivan (2653) - Pichot, Alan (2630)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/101, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♔c4 ♔c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.♔b5 ♘e4 8.cxd4 ♔b6 9.♘c3 O-O
 10.♔e3 f5

10...♔g4 - 147/102

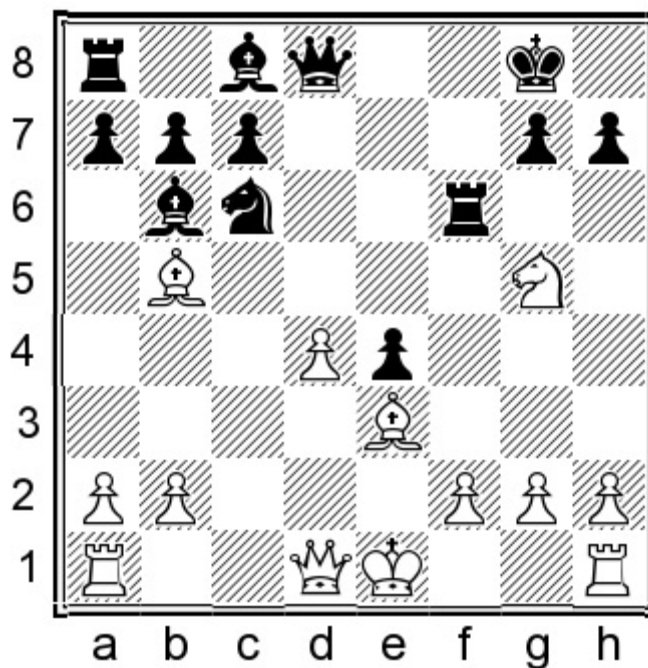
11.exf6

11.g3!? ♔a5 12.♖c1 ♘e7∞ (12...f4!? 13.gxf4 ♘e7∞)

11...♖xf6!? 12.♘xe4

12.♖c1 ♘xc3 13.bxc3 h6∞; 12.♔d3 ♔g4 13.♘xe4 dxe4 14.♔xe4 ♘xd4 (14...♔xf3 15.♔xf3 ♘xd4
 16.♔xb7 ♖b8 17.♔e4 ♜e8 18.♔d5+ ♔h8 19.O-O ♖d8 20.♔xd4 ♖xd5 21.♜e1 ♖e6 22.♔e3 h6=;
 14...♜e8!?∞) 15.♔xd4 ♔xf3 16.♜b3+ (16.♔xf6 ♔a5+ 17.♔f1 ♜xd1+ 18.♖xd1 ♔xd1 19.♔c3 ♔xc3
 20.bxc3 ♖e8 21.f3 b6=) 16...♖f7 17.♔xf3 ♜xd4 18.O-O c6∞; 12.O-O ♔g4 13.♔e2 ♜d6 14.♖c1
 (14.♜b3 ♔h8∞) 14...♔h8 15.♘d2N (15.h3 ♔h5 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♘g5 ♔g6 18.♔h5 ♖ff8 19.♔xg6
 ♜xg6 20.♜b3 ♖f6 21.d5 ♘d4 22.♔xd4 ♔xd4 23.♖c4 ♔xf2+ 24.♖xf2 ♖xf2 25.♔xf2 ♜xg5 26.♖xe4 b6
 27.h4 ♜f6+ 28.♔g1 ♖d8=) 15...♘xd2 16.♜xd2 ♔xe2 17.♘xe2 ♖e8∞ Svane,R (2615)-Cheparinov,I
 (2667) Krasnaya Polyana (m/ 5-rapid) 149/(101) 2021

12...dxe4 13.♘g5



13...♔e7N

13...♔d5 14.♔e2 (14.♔b3 ♔xb3 15.axb3 ♔xd4 16.♔c4+ ♔h8 17.O-O (17.♔xd4 ♔xd4 18.♔f7+ ♔g8 19.♔g5+ ♔h8=) 17...♔f5 18.♔fd1 c5 19.♔d2∞) 14...♔h8 (14...♔a5+ 15.♔f1 ♔g4! 16.♔c4 ♔b4∞) 15.♔c4 ♔a5+ 16.♔d2 ♔f5 17.O-O-O∞

14.♔c4+ ♔h8 15.♔h5 h6 16.O-O-O ♔f5 17.♔f7+ ♔h7 18.♔g5+ ♔h8 19.♔f7+ ♔h7 20.♔g5+ 1/2-1/2

102. C54

Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Svidler, Peter (2714)

Saint Louis 149/102, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♔f3 ♔c6 3.♔c4 ♔c5 4.c3 ♔f6 5.d3 d6 6.♔g5 h6 7.♔h4 ♔e7 8.O-O a6 9.b4 ♔a7 10.♔bd2 g5

10...O-O

11.♔g3 ♔h7

11...h5 - 40/392

12.a4 h5

12...♔f8

13.h4 g4 14.♔e1 ♔f8 15.♔c2 ♔g6 16.♔e3 ♔e6

16...♔xh4?! 17.♔d5 ♔d8 18.♔xc7+! (18.♔xh4? ♔xh4 19.♔xc7+ ♔d8 20.♔xa8 g3-+; 18.b5? ♔g6! 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.♔b4 ♔d7±) 18...♔xc7 19.♔xh4±

17.b5N

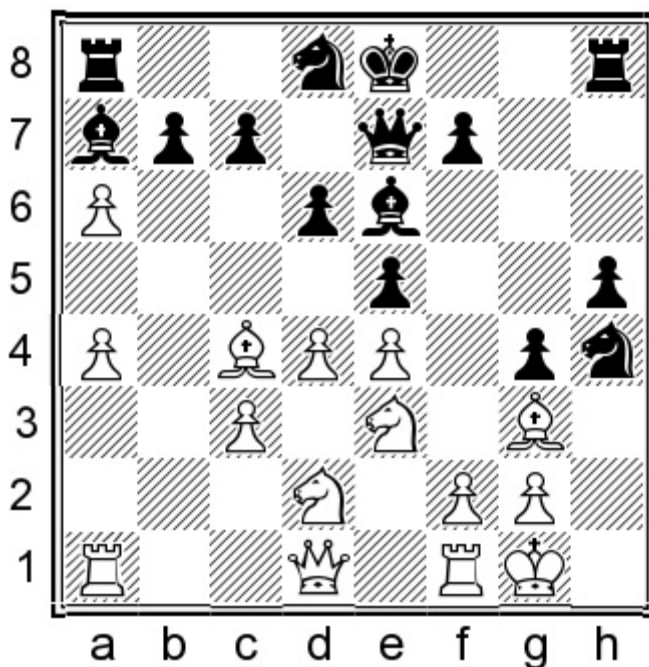
17. ♖b3

17... ♜d8 18.d4

18.bxa6! bxa6 19.d4±

18... ♜xh4 19.dxe5

19.bxa6



19... ♜g6! (19... bxa6 20. ♕d5! c6 (20... ♖b8 21.dxe5 dxe5 22. ♜dc4±) 21. ♕xe6 fxe6 22.dxe5 dxe5 (22... d5 23.exd5 cxd5 24.c4±) 23. ♕xe5±) 20.axb7 ♖b8

19...dxe5 20. ♕xe5 O-O 21. ♕xe6 fxe6 22. ♕d4

22. ♜xg4!? ♖g5 (22... hxg4? 23. ♖xg4+ ♔h7 24. ♖h5+ ♔g8 25. ♕g3+-) 23. ♕f6 ♖xf6 24. ♜xf6+ ♖xf6 25. ♖xh5 ♜f7∞

22...c5 23.bxc6

23. ♕e5!? ♜f7 (23... ♕b8? 24. ♕xb8 ♖xb8 25. ♜xg4! hxg4 26. ♖xg4+ ♔h8 27.g3 ♜f7 28. ♖h5+ ♔g7 29. ♖xh4±; 23... ♜g6 24. ♕g3) 24. ♕g3 ♖ad8 25. ♜ec4 ♜g6 26.e5 ♜g5 27. ♖e2∞

23... ♜xc6 24. ♕xa7 ♖xa7 25. ♜dc4?!

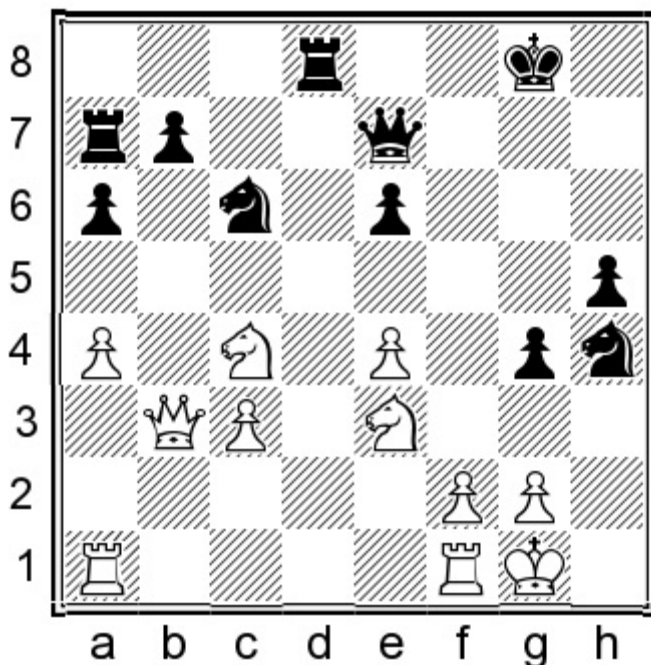
25.f4! gxf3 26. ♜xf3 ♖aa8 (26... ♖c5 27. ♜xh4 ♖xe3+ 28. ♔h1 ♖xf1+ 29. ♖xf1 ♖xe4 30. ♖f2∞) 27. ♜xh4 ♖xh4 (27... ♖xf1+ 28. ♜xf1 ♖xh4 29. ♖d7 ♖xe4 30. ♖xb7=) 28. ♖d6 ♖xe4 29. ♖g3+ ♔h7 30. ♖ad1 ♖xf1+ 31. ♜xf1 ♖g8 32. ♖d7+ ♔h8 33. ♖f2∞

25...♖d8

25... ♜f3+?! 26.gxf3 b5 (26... gxf3? 27. ♖d6+-) 27. ♖d6! bxc4 28. ♖xc6 gxf3 29. ♖fd1 ♖h4 30. ♖xe6+

♔h7 31.♞f5 ♜g7+ (31...♞g4+ 32.♔f1 ♞g2+ 33.♔e1 ♞g1+ 34.♔d2 ♜d8+ 35.♞d4 ♞xf2+ 36.♔c1 ♞e3+ 37.♔c2+-) 32.♞xg7 ♜f4 33.♞f5+! ♜xf5 34.♞xf5 ♞g4+ 35.♔f1 ♞g2+ 36.♔e1 ♞g1+ 37.♔d2 ♞xf2+ 38.♔c1±

26.♞b3?



26.♞e2 ♞g5 27.♜fd1 ♜f8±

26...♜aa8?

26...b5!! 27.axb5 ♞f3+ 28.gxf3 gxf3 29.♞g4 (29.♜fd1 ♞h4 30.♜xd8+ ♞xd8 31.♞f5 exf5 32.♞e5+ ♔h7 33.♞xf3 ♜g7+ 34.♔f1 ♞h1+ 35.♔e2 ♞xa1-+; 29.♞f5 ♞g5+ 30.♞g3 h4 31.♞e3 ♜e8 32.♞f5 hxg3 33.fxg3 ♞e5 34.bxa6 ♜f7-+) 29...hxg4 30.bxc6 (30.♞e3 ♜e8 31.bxc6 (31.♜xa6 ♞h4 32.♜xa7 g3 33.fxg3 ♞xg3+ 34.♔h1 ♞h3+ 35.♔g1 ♔h8-+) 31...♞h4-+) 30...♞h4 31.♞d6 (31.♞e5 ♜e8 32.♞g6 ♞h6-+; 31.c7 ♜xc7 32.♞b6 g3 33.♞xe6+ ♜f7-+; 31.♜fd1 ♜e8-+) 31...♜e7!-+

27.♜fd1 ♔h8 28.♜ab1 ♜xd1+ 29.♞xd1 ♜d8 30.♞b3 ♞g6 31.♜b2 ♜d7 32.♞b6 ♜d8

32...♜c7! 33.♞a8 (33.♞bc4 ♞f4±) 33...♜c8 34.♞b6 ♜f8 35.♞bc4 ♜f7±

33.♞bc4 ♜d7 34.♞b6 ♜d8 35.♞bc4 ♜d7 1/2-1/2

103. C54

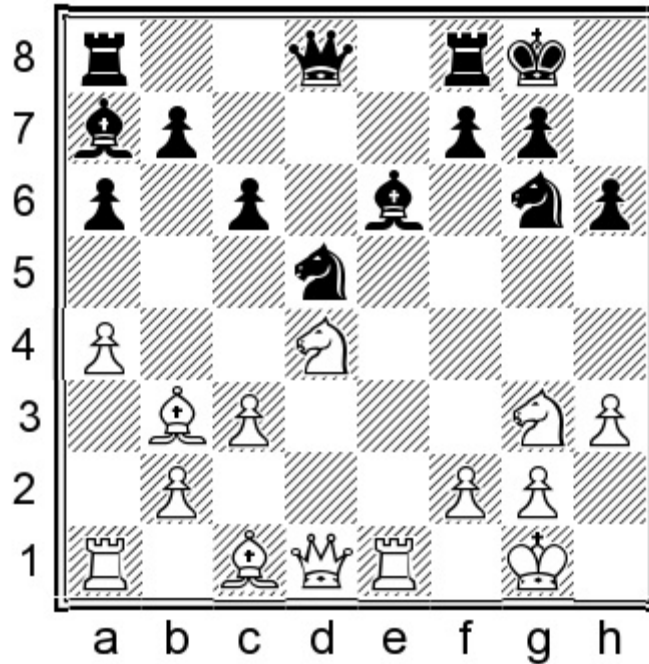
Van Foreest, Lucas (2544) - Vocaturo, Daniele (2630)

Reykjavik 149/103, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♞f3 ♞c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.c3 ♞f6 5.d3 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.♜e1 a6 8.a4 h6 9.♞bd2 ♙a7 10.♞f1 ♞e7

10...♜e8 - 142/109

11.♖g3 ♖g6 12.h3 c6 13.♗b3 d5 14.exd5 ♖xd5 15.d4 exd4 16.♖xd4 ♗e6



17.♖xe6N

17.♗c2 ♗d7 18.♖df5 ♖b6 19.♖f1 ♖c7 20.c4 ♖df4 (20...♗xf5 21.♖xf5 ♖de7 22.♖d6±) 21.♖d6 ♗b8 22.♖d1 ♗e6 23.b3 ♖a5

17...fxe6 18.♖xe6 ♖xf2

18...♗xf2+ 19.♖h1±

19.♖h1 ♖h4 20.♖g4 ♖xg2

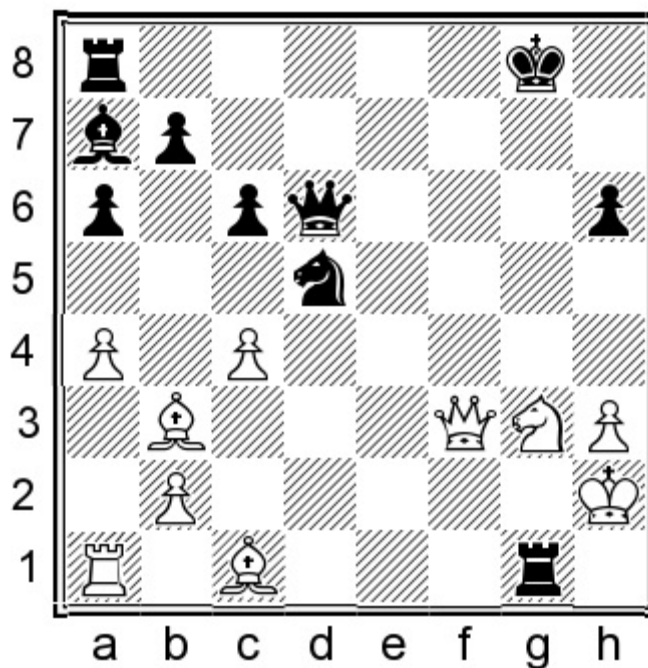
20...h5! 21.♖xh5 (21.♖e4 ♖f5! 22.♖xf5 ♖f1+ 23.♖h2 ♗g1+ 24.♖g3 ♗f2+ 25.♖h2 ♗g1+=) 21...♖xg2 22.♗f4 (22.♖e4 ♖g1+ 23.♖h2 ♖g2+ 24.♖h1=) 22...♖b6 23.♖e8+ ♖xe8 24.♖xe8+ ♖h7 25.♖h5+=

21.♖xh6

21.♗xh6! ♖c7 22.♗xd5 cxd5 23.♗f4 ♖c5 (23...♖f7 24.♖h6 ♖xg3 25.♗xg3 ♖f5 26.♖g6±) 24.♖e3 ♖f8 25.♖e5! ♗b8 26.♖e6+ ♖f7 27.♖e8+ ♖f8 28.♖f5! ♖g6 29.♖xg2 ♖xf4+ 30.♖h1 ♗xe5 31.♖xe5 ♖g6 32.♖xd5±

21...♖g1+ 22.♖h2 ♖g2+

22...♖f3+!? 23.♖xf3 gxf6 24.c4 ♖d6



25.♔d2! (25.cxd5? ♚f8 26.♚g4+ ♜h8 27.♔xh6 (27.♔e3 ♚xa1 28.♔xa7 c5-+) 27...♚xh6 28.♚xg1
 ♔xg1+ 29.♜h1 ♔c5-+) 25...♚xa1 26.cxd5 ♔g1+ 27.♜g2 c5! 28.♔f4 ♚f6 29.d6+ c4 30.♔xc4+ ♜h8
 31.♚xb7 ♚f8 32.♔d3 ♚g7 33.♚xg7+ ♜xg7

23.♜h1 ♚g1+ 24.♜h2 ♚g2+ 1/2-1/2

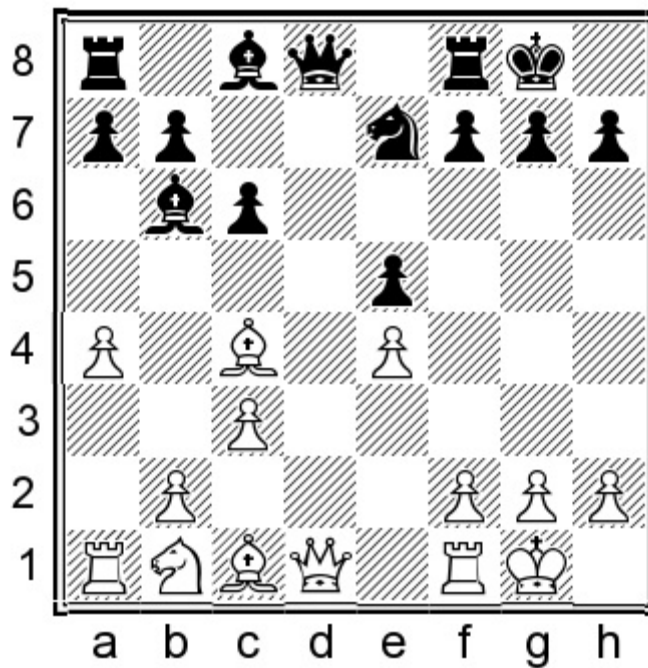
104. C54

Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758) - Xiong, Jeffery (2710)
Saint Louis (rapid) 149/104, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♔c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♔c5 5.c3 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.♚e1 ♘e7

7...a5 - 148/110

8.d4 ♔b6 9.a4 c6 10.dxe5! ♘g4 11.♚f1 ♘xe5 12.♘xe5 dxe5



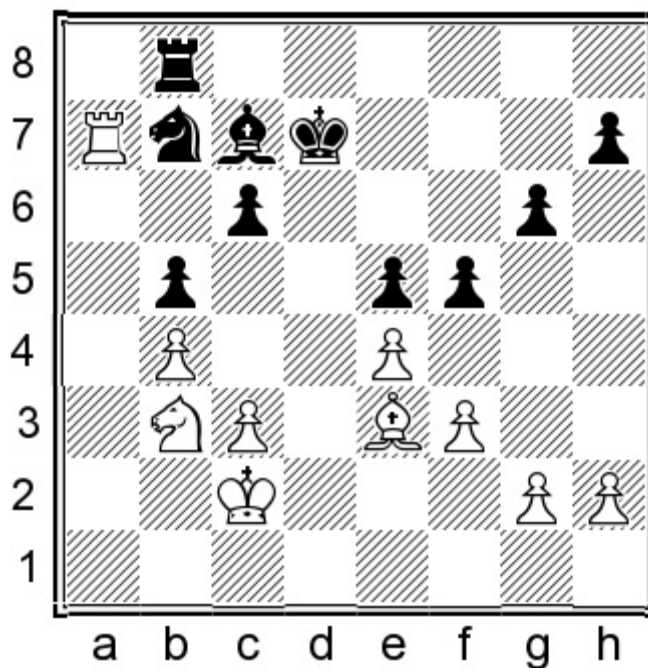
13. ♖xd8! ♜xd8 14. a5 ♙c7 15. ♙e3↑ ♙d7N

15... ♜g6 16. ♜d2 ♜f8 17. ♙g5 ♜e8 18. ♙e3 ♙e6 19. ♙xe6 ♜xe6 20. ♜c4 f6 21. ♜fd1 ♜f8 22. ♜f1 ♜e7 23. ♜e2 g6 24. b4 a6 25. ♜d2 ♜ed8+ 26. ♜c2 ♜xd1 27. ♜xd1 ♜d8 28. ♜g1 ♙d6 29. f3 ♜f7 30. ♙b6 ♜d7 31. ♜d1=

16. ♜d1 ♙g4 17. ♜xd8+ ♜xd8 18. ♜d2 ♜c8 19. f3 ♙d7 20. b4 ♜f8 21. ♜f1 ♜e7 22. ♜e2 f6 23. ♜d1 23. g4!? b6 24. axb6 ♙xb6 25. ♙d3 ♜d6 26. c4±

23... ♙e6 24. ♙xe6 ♜xe6 25. ♜c2 g6 26. ♜b3 b6 27. axb6 axb6 28. ♜a6 f5 29. ♜d2 ♜d7 30. ♜c4 b5 31. ♜d2 [×c5] 31... ♜d6? 32. ♜b3 ♜b7 33. ♜a7 ♜c8

33... ♜b8



34.exf5! gx f5 35.g4! fxg4 36.fxg4 e4 37.h4 ♖c8 38.h5 ♜d6 39.♜c5+-

34.♜a5! ♜xa5 35.bxa5 fxe4 36.fxe4 ♜f8 37.♜a8+ ♜b8 38.a6 1-0

105. ** C54

Muzychuk, Mariya (2550) - Kosteniuk, Alexandra (2472)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/105, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♞f3 ♞c6 3.♟c4 ♟c5 4.c3 ♞f6 5.d3 O-O 6.O-O d5 7.exd5 ♞xd5 8.♜e1 ♟g4 9.h3 ♟h5 10.♞bd2 ♞b6 11.♟b3

11.♟b5 ♟d6 12.♞e4 f5 (12...♜e8 - 49/375) 13.♞g3 ♟xf3 14.♜xf3 ♜d7 15.♞f1 ♜ae8 16.♟xc6?!N (16.♟e3) 16...bxc6 17.♟e3 c5 18.b3 c6 19.c4 ♞a8!? 20.a3 ♞c7 21.♜ab1 ♞e6 22.b4 h6↑ Vokhidov,S (2530)-Karjakin,S (2757) Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/(105) 2021

11...♜h8

11...♜xd3 12.♞xe5 ♜f5 13.♞ef3 - 146/106; 11...a5!? 12.♞e4 a4 13.♟c2 (13.♞xc5 axb3 14.♞xb3 ♜d5∞) 13...♜a5 (13...♟e7 - 145/101) 14.b4N (14.♞xc5 ♜xc5 15.♟e3 ♜d5∞; 14.♟d2 h6 15.b4 axb3 16.axb3 ♜xa1 17.♜xa1 ♟d6 18.♟d1 ♟e7=) 14...axb3 15.♟xb3 ♟e7 16.♞g3 ♟g6 17.d4 ♟f6∞ Anand,V (2753)-Mamedyarov,S (2782) Zagreb (blitz) 149/(105) 2021 (17...exd4 18.cxd4 ♞d5 19.♟d2 ♜a8∞)

12.♞e4 ♟d6 13.g4 ♟g6 14.♞g3N

14.d4

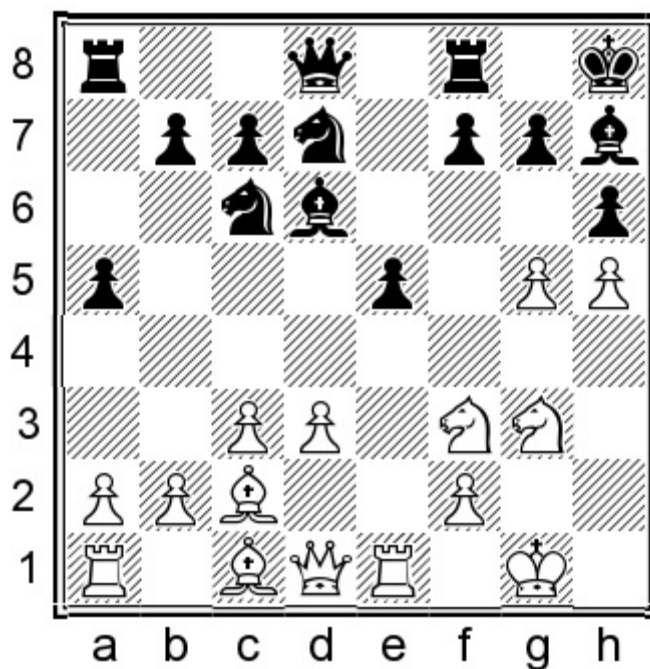
14...♞d7 15.♟c2 a5 16.h4

16.♟g5!? f6 17.♟e3±

16...h6 17.h5?!

17.g5 f5 18.gxh6 f4!? (18...♖g8!?) 19.hxg7+ ♔xg7 20.♗e4 ♜h8

17...♗h7 18.g5



18...f5! 19.gxh6?

19.d4 f4 20.♗e4 ♗f5→

19...gxh6 20.♗xh6 ♜g8 21.♗b3 ♜f6! 22.♗xg8 ♜xg8 23.♗g5 ♜xg5 24.♗xg5 ♜xg5 25.♔f1 ♗f6
26.♜f3 ♗g4

26...e4! 27.dxe4 ♗g4 28.♜g2 f4 29.♗f5 f3!-+ Δ Nh2

27.♜g2 e4! 28.d4 ♗d8! 29.c4 ♗e6 30.c5 ♗f8 31.♜ad1 ♗f4 32.♜h1 ♗g8 33.♗xe4 ♗c4+ 34.♔g1 fxe4
0-1

106. C54

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751) - Shankland, Samuel L (2709)

Saint Louis 149/106, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♗f6 5.d3 d6 6.O-O a6 7.a4 h6 8.♞e1 ♗a7 9.♗bd2 ♗e6

9...O-O - 133/(121)

10.♗xe6 fxe6 11.♗f1 a5N

11...O-O

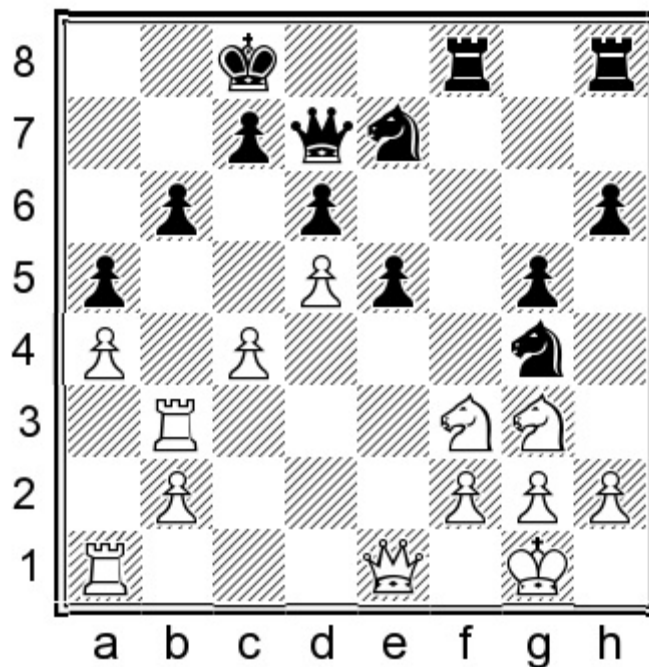
12.♗g3

12.♗e3 ♗xe3 13.♞xe3 O-O 14.♗g3∞

12...♞d7 13.♗e3 ♗xe3 14.♞xe3 g5 15.d4 O-O-O 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 ♗e7 18.c4 ♗g4?!

18...g4! 19.♘h4 (19.♘d2 h5→) 19...c6 20.dxc6 ♘xc6 21.♞d3 h5∞

19.♞b3 ♞df8 20.♚e1 b6



21.♞b5

21.♘e4! ♘f6 (21...♘f5 22.♞c1±) 22.c5! dxc5 (22...♘xe4 23.cxb6 cxb6 24.♚xe4±) 23.d6 ♘ed5 24.♞d1 ♚xa4 25.♘xf6 ♘xf6 (25...♞xf6 26.♞a3 ♚c6 27.♚xe5 ♞e8 28.♚xd5 ♚xd5 29.♞xd5 ♞xd6 30.♞xd6 cxd6±) 26.♞a3 ♚b4 27.♚xe5±

21...♘xf2! 22.♚xf2 g4 23.♘xe5

23.b4 gxf3 24.bxa5 fxf2 25.♚d2 (25.♚xg2 ♚g4 26.♔h1 ♞hg8 27.axb6 ♘f5∞) 25...♘f5 26.axb6 ♘xg3 27.hxg3 ♞f1+ 28.♔xg2 ♞xa1 29.b7+ ♔b8 30.♚a5 ♞a2+ 31.♔g1 ♞a1+=; 23.c5 bxc5 24.♞a3 ♘d5 25.♚d2 gxf3 26.♚xd5 c6 27.♞ab3 cxd5 28.♞b8+ ♔c7 29.♞3b7+ ♔c6 30.♞b6+=

23...♚xb5 24.axb5 ♞xf2 25.♔xf2 dxe5 26.♔e3

26.b4 ♞f8+ 27.♔e2 ♞f4 28.bxa5 ♞xc4 29.a6 (29.axb6 ♘d5 30.bxc7 ♔xc7=) 29...♔b8=

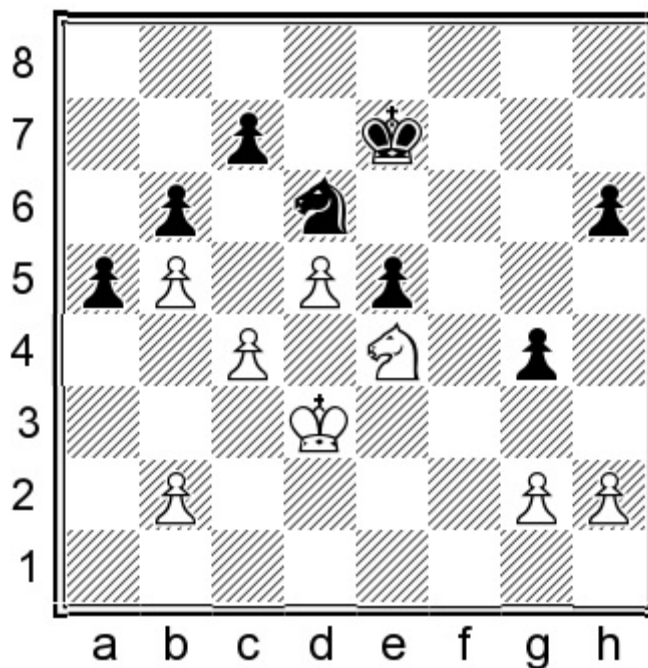
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30.♘e3? ♘xe3 31.♔xe3 a4!-+

30...♘d6

30...g3 31.hxg3 ♘xg3 32.♘e4 ♘f5=

31.♘e4 ♔e7??



31...Nxe8! 32.b3 Qe7 33.Nf2 (33.c5 bxc5 34.Nxc5 Nd6=) 33...Nf6 34.Qe3 h5=

32.Nxd6!+- cxd6

32...Qxd6 33.b3! (33.Qe4?? a4!-+) 33...Qc5 34.Qe4 Qb4 35.g3 Qxb3 (35...h5 36.Qf5 Qxb3 37.c5 a4 38.d6 cxd6 39.cxb6 a3 40.b7 a2 41.b8=Q a1=Q 42.b6+-) 36.c5 a4 37.d6 cxd6 38.cxb6 a3 39.b7 a2 40.b8=Q a1=Q 41.Qxd6+-

33.Qe4 Qf6 34.b3 Qg6

34...h5 35.g3 Qf7 36.Qf5 Qe7 37.Qg5

35.c5! dxc5 36.d6 Qf7 37.Qd5 e4

37...Qe8 38.Qc6 Qd8 39.Qxb6

38.Qc6 e3 39.d7 e2 40.d8=Q e1=Q 41.Qxb6 Qe6+ 42.Qa7 c4 43.bxc4 a4 44.b6 a3 45.b7 a2 46.Qc7+ Qg6 47.Qa5 1-0

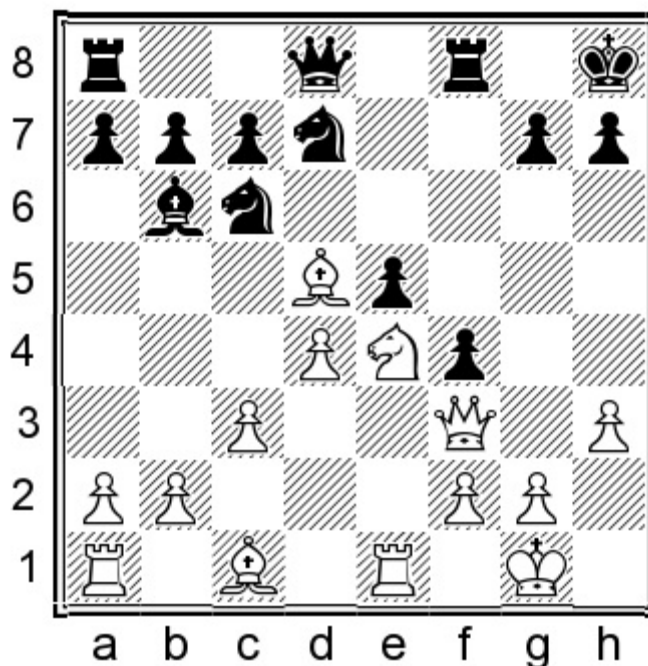
107. C54

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2655)
Saint Louis 149/107, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Qc4 Qc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 O-O 6.O-O d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Qg4 9.Nbd2 Nb6 10.h3 Qh5 11.Qb3 Qh8 12.Ne4 Nd7

12...Qe7 - 142/112

13.Qd5 Qb6 14.Ng3 Qxf3 15.Qxf3 f5 16.d4 f4 17.Ne4



17...Qh4!?N

17...exd4

18. Nd2

18. Qxc6 bxc6 19. a4 a5 20. Bd1 c5!? (20...exd4 21. cxd4 Bae8 22. b3∞) 21. d5 c4∞

18...exd4 19. Nd2 Bae8

19...dxc3! 20. Nxb6 (20. bxc3 Qg3 (20...Qc5!?∞) 21. Nxb6 Qxf3 22. Qxf3 axb6 23. Qxc6 bxc6 24. Be7 Bae8 25. Qxf4 Bxf4 26. Bd1 Qg8=) 20...Nde5! (20...Nxb6? 21. Qxc6 bxc6 (21...cxb2 22. Qxb2 bxc6 23. Bae1±) 22. bxc3±) 21. Qxc3 axb6 22. b4 (22. Bxe5? Nxe5 23. Qxe5 Bae8 24. Qc3 Be2 25. Qf3 Be1+ 26. Qh2 Bf1-+; 22. Qd2 Bae8 23. Qxc6 Nxc6 24. Be4∞) 22...Bae8 23. Bxe5 (23. Qxc6 Nd3! 24. Be2 bxc6±) 23...Nxe5 24. Qxe5 Bfe8 25. Qf5 Be1+ 26. Qh2 Qxf2 27. Qxf4! Bxa1 28. Qe4 Qg1+ 29. Qg3 Qe1+ 30. Qh2=

20. Qxc6 bxc6 21. Qd2 Nf6

21...d3 22. Be4 Nc5 (22...Qg3 23. Bxf4 Qxf3 24. Bxf3 Bxf3 25. gxf3±) 23. Bxf4 Bxf4 24. Qxf4 Qxf4 25. Qxf4 Ne4 26. Nxb6 cxb6 27. f3±; 21...dxc3! 22. Qxc3 Qg3! 23. Be7 Nf6 24. Nxb6 (24. Ne5 Nd5!∞) 24...Qxf3 25. gxf3 cxb6 26. Bxa7 Qg8 27. Be1±

22. Nxb6 cxb6 23. cxd4 c5

23...Nd5 24. Be6 Bf6 (24...Bc8 25. Bc1±) 25. Bae1 Qh6 (25...Bxe6 26. Bxe6 Bc8 27. Qe4±) 26. Be8+ Bf8 27. Bxf8+ Bxf8 28. Qa3!±; 23...Bxd4 24. Qc3 Bdd8 25. Be7±

24. Be7 Bxd4 25. Qc3 Nd5 26. Bxa7 Nxc3 27. bxc3 Bdd8?

27...Bd6 28. Be1 h6 29. Bde7 Qg5 30. g4!±

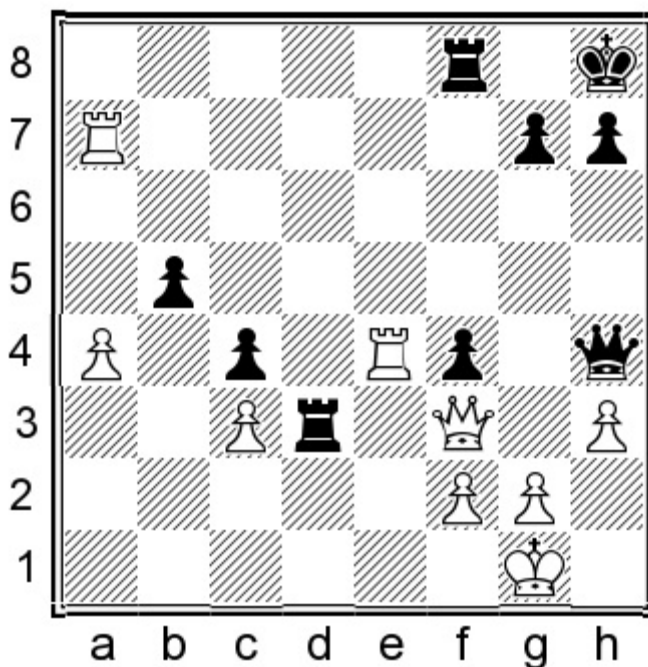
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28...♖fe8 29.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 30.♖a8 ♜e7 31.♞b7! ♜e1+ 32.♔h2 h6 33.♖xe8+ ♜xe8 34.♞xb6 c4
35.♞c5+-; 28...♖f6 29.♖e5! ♜h6 30.♞d5! ♖df8 31.f3 ♜h4 32.♖a8+-; 28...h6 29.♖ee7 ♖g8 30.♖e6+-

29.♖e4 b5

29...♖d3 30.♞xf4!+-

30.a4 ♖d3



30...bxa4 31.♖xc4 a3 32.♖xa3 ♜e7 33.♖aa4+-

31.♞xf4!+- ♞xf4 32.♖xf4 ♖g8

32...♖c8 33.axb5 ♖xc3 34.b6+-; 32...♔g8 33.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 34.axb5 ♖xc3 35.b6+-

33.axb5 ♖xc3 34.♖c7 ♖b3 35.♖c5 c3 36.♖fc4 h6 37.♖xc3 ♖b1+ 38.♔h2 ♔h7 39.♖g3 ♖b2 40.f4 g6
41.f5 g5 42.♖d3 ♖e8 43.♖d7+ ♔g8 44.♖c6 ♖xb5 45.♖g6+ ♔f8 46.♖xh6 ♔g8 47.f6 1-0

108. C54

Antipov, Mikhail AI (2596) - Motylev, Alexander (2639)
Russia 149/108, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♙c5 5.O-O d6 6.c3 a6 7.♖e1 ♙a7 8.a4 ♘g4 9.♖e2 O-O
9...♞f6 - 143/100

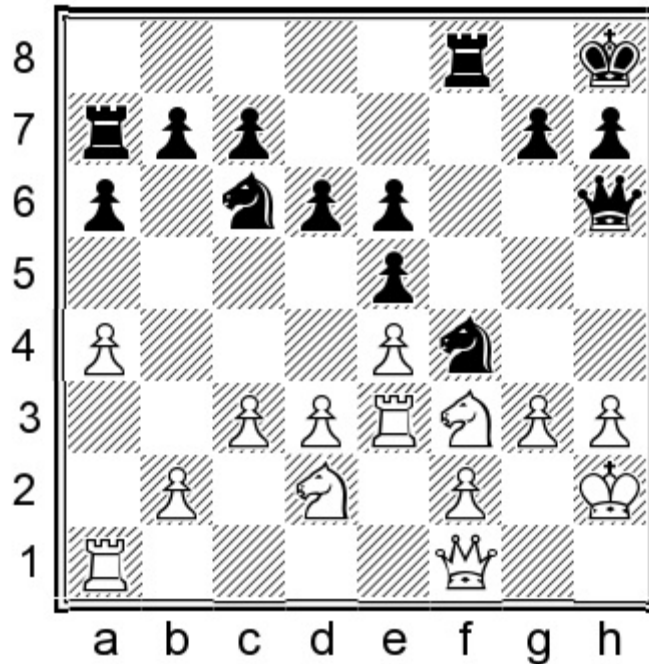
10.h3 ♘f6 11.♖e1 ♙e6 12.♙xe6

12.♘bd2 - 130/(113)

12...fxe6 13.♙e3 ♘h5 14.♙xa7N

14.g3 ♙xe3 15.♖xe3 ♜f6 16.♘bd2∞

14...♖xa7 15.♖e3 ♘f4 16.♘bd2 ♜f6 17.♜f1 ♜h6 18.♔h2 ♔h8 19.g3



19...g5!! 20.gxf4 exf4 21.♖e1 g4 22.d4!

22.♘g1 f3→

22...♖g8 23.♘g1 f3 24.♘dx3 ♖aa8!

24...gxf3 25.♖e3 ♜f4+ 26.♔h1 ♖aa8 27.♘xf3∞

25.♖e3 ♖af8 26.♜e2 gxf3 27.♖xf3

27.♘xf3 ♘e7∞ (27...♜f4+ 28.♔h1 ♜h6 29.♔h2= (29.♘h2 ♜g5 30.♖g3 ♖xf2 31.♜xf2 ♜xg3 32.♜f6+ ♖g7 33.♜f8+ ♖g8 34.♜f6+ ♜g7 35.♜xg7+ ♖xg7=))

27...♘e7?

27...e5! 28.d5 ♘a5 29.b4 ♘c4! 30.♖e1 (30.♜xc4? ♖xf3 31.♘xf3 ♜f4+-+) 30...b6!?↑

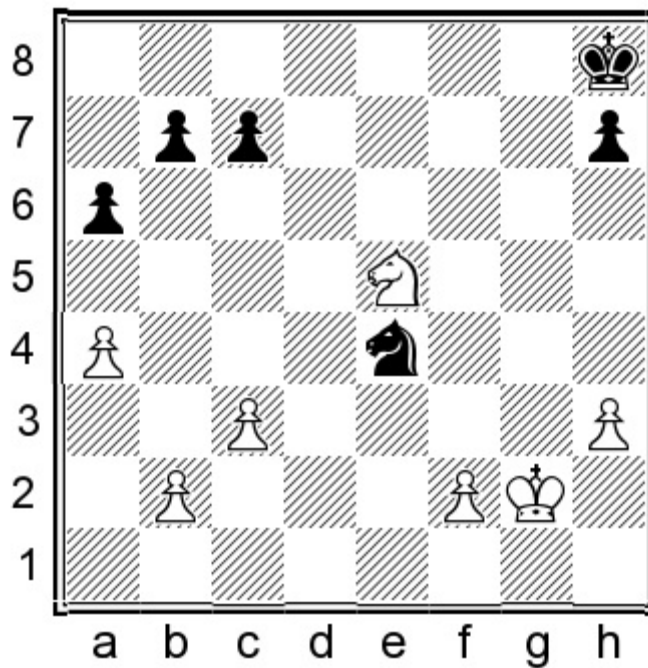
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35.♘d3 ♜g7+ 36.♔f1±

35...♜g5+ 36.♜g3 dxe5

36...♜xg3+ 37.fxg3 ♘f3+ 38.♔f2 ♘xe5 39.b4±

37.♜xg5 ♘f3+ 38.♔g2 ♘xg5 39.♘d3 ♘xe4 40.♘xe5



40.♔f3! ♕d2+ 41.♕g4 ♕c4 42.♕f5+-

40...a5?

40...♕c5! 41.a5 ♕g7 42.♕f3 (42.b4 ♕e4 43.c4 ♕f6 44.f4 ♕f5 45.♕f3 c5 46.b5 h6! 47.♕e3 ♕d6 48.bxa6 bxa6 49.♕f3 ♕e4 50.♕d7 ♕d2+ 51.♕g3 ♕xc4 52.♕xc5 ♕xa5 53.♕xa6±) 42...♕f6 43.♕c4 ♕e6 44.♕e3 ♕b3±

41.♕d3!+- ♕g7 42.♕f3 ♕g5+ 43.♕g4 ♕f6 44.h4 ♕e4 45.♕f4 ♕d6 46.♕c5 ♕e7 47.♕e4 ♕f7 48.♕g5 ♕d6 49.b3

49.♕xh7 ♕c4 50.b3 ♕d2 51.b4 b5! 52.♕e3 ♕c4+ 53.♕d4+-

49...b5 50.♕e4 bxa4 51.♕xd6

51.♕xd6 a3 (51...axb3 52.♕c4+-) 52.♕f5+ ♕d7 53.♕d4 a2 54.♕c2+-

1-0

109. * C58

Paravyan, David (2631) - Motylev, Alexander (2642)

Moscow 149/109, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♕f3 ♕c6 3.♕c4 ♕f6 4.♕g5 d5 5.exd5 ♕a5 6.♕b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♕d3 ♕d5 9.♕f3 ♕d6 10.O-O O-O 11.♖e1 f5 12.♕xe5 ♖f6 13.♕f3 g5 14.c4 ♕f4 15.♕f1 g4 16.c5N

16.d4 - 149/(109) 16...gxf3 17.♖xf3 ♕e6 18.♖c3 c5N (18...♕xd4 - 146/ (110)) 19.♖xa5 (19.dxc5 ♖xc3 20.♕xc3 ♕xc5 21.♕h6 ♖f7 22.♖ad1 ♕c6 23.a3 a5∞) 19...♕xd4 20.♖d2 (20.♕c3 ♖h4 21.h3 f4∞) 20...♕h8?! (20...♖g6! 21.♕h1 ♕b7 (21...♕xh2 22.♕xh2 f4 23.♖d3 (23.♕c3 ♖h5+ 24.♕g1 ♕f3+ 25.gxf3 ♖g6+ 26.♕h1 ♖h5+=) 23...♕f5 24.♖c3 ♖g5∞) 22.f4 (22.♕c3? ♕f3+-) 22...♖h5 23.♕c3

♖h4 24.b3 ♜f6) 21.♜c3± Gareyev,T (2590)-Yakubboev,N (2598) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(109) 2021 (21.♖h6?! ♜c2∞)

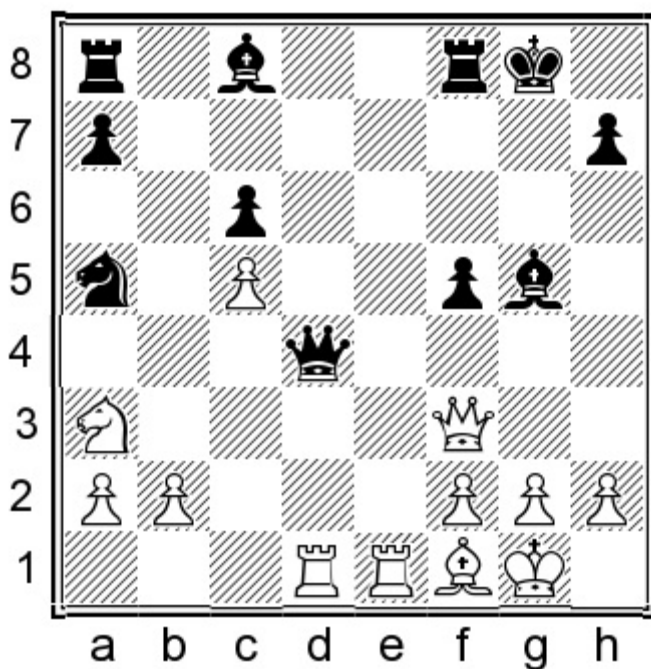
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16...gxf3! 17.cxd6 (17.♖xf3 ♙c7 18.d4 ♜d5 19.♜c3 ♙e6 20.♙d2 ♜ae8) 17...fxg2 18.♙xg2 ♜xg2 (18...♜d3!? 19.♞e3 ♙a6 20.♜c3∞) 19.♞xg2 c5 20.d4 cxd4 21.♖h5 f4∞

17.d4 gxf3 18.♙xf4 ♙xf4

18...fxg2? 19.♙c4+! ♜xc4 20.♙xc7+-

19.♖xf3 ♖xd4 20.♜a3 ♙g5 21.♞ad1



21...♖xb2

21...♖xc5! 22.h4! ♙f6 (22...♙h6? 23.♖h5 ♙g7 24.♖g5 h6 25.♖f4 ♜b7 26.♞e3+-; 22...♙xh4 23.♖f4 ♙xf2+ 24.♖xf2 ♖xf2+ 25.♞xf2 ♜b8 26.b3±) 23.♖f4 ♙xb2 (23...♖b6? 24.b4 ♜b7 25.♜c4 ♖xb4 26.a3 ♖c5 27.♞e5! ♙xe5 28.♜xe5+-) 24.♜c4 ♜xc4 25.♙xc4+ ♞h8 26.♞d6 ♙a3 27.♞d5 cxd5 28.♖e5+ ♞g8 29.♙xd5+ ♞f7 30.♖e8+ ♖f8 31.♙xf7+ ♞g7 32.♖e5+ ♞xf7 33.♖d5+ ♞f6 34.♖xa8 ♙c5∞

22.♜b5! ♖g7

⏏22...♙d8 23.♜d6 ♙d7 24.♖f4 ♞h8 25.♞d3→

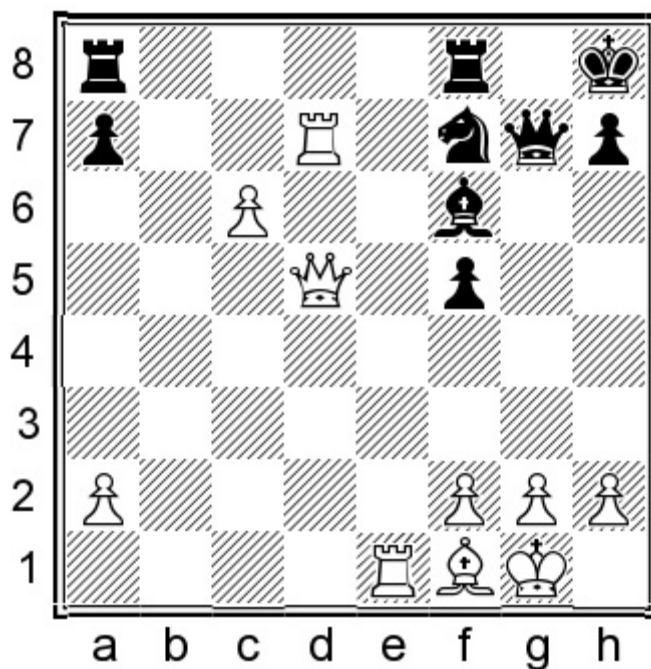
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26...♞h8 27.♖xb7+-

27.♖xe6+ ♞h8 28.♖xc6 ♙f6 29.♞d7 ♜d8 30.♖d5

30. ♖b5!

30... ♜f7 31. c6



31... ♖g6??

31... ♖ad8! 32. ♙d3 (32. ♖d1 ♖xd7 33. ♖xd7 ♖d8 34. c7 ♖xd7 35. ♖xd7 ♜d6 36. ♖d8+ ♖g8 37. ♖xg8+ ♜xg8 38. ♙a6 f4=) 32... ♜h6 33. ♙c4 ♖xd7 34. cxd7 ♖g6 35. ♙b5 ♜g7 36. ♖e8 ♙d8∞

32. ♙d3+- ♙g7 33. ♖ee7 ♖g4 34. ♖xf7 ♖xf7 35. ♖xf7 ♖f8 36. ♖e7 1-0

110. C65

Maghsoodloo, Parham (2698) - Georgiev, Kiril (2594)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/3-rapid) 149/110, 2021

1. e4 e5 2. ♜f3 ♜c6 3. ♙b5 ♜f6 4. d3 ♙c5 5. c3 O-O 6. O-O d6 7. ♖e1

7. ♜bd2 - 148/115

7... ♙d7 8. d4 ♙b6 9. a4N

9. ♙g5

9... a6 10. ♙xc6 ♙xc6 11. ♜bd2 exd4 12. ♜xd4 ♖e8 13. f3

13. ♜xc6 bxc6

13... h6 14. ♜f1 ♙d7 15. a5 ♙a7 16. ♜g3 b5 17. axb6

17. ♜h1!

17... ♙xb6 18. ♜h1 a5 19. ♖d3 a4 20. ♙d2 ♖e5!?

20...h5!? 21.♔g5 h4! 22.♔xh4 ♖g4 23.fxg4 ♜xh4

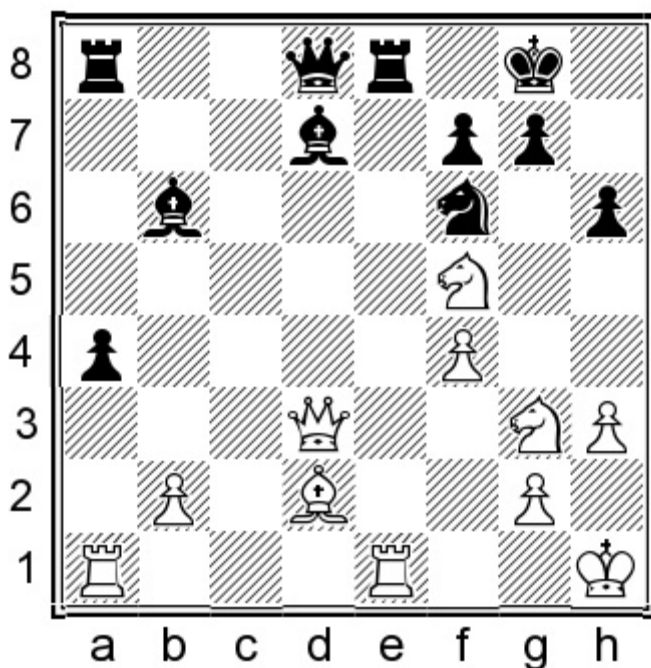
21.f4 ♜e8 22.h3 c6

22...h5!? 23.e5 ♖g4 24.hxg4 ♜h4+ 25.♔g1 c5 26.♖df5 ♔xf5 27.♖xf5 (27.♜xf5 ♜xg3 28.c4 ♜xg4 29.♜xg4 hxg4 30.exd6 ♜ed8) 27...c4+ 28.♔e3 ♜xe1+ 29.♜xe1 cxd3 30.♔xb6 ♜ab8 31.♔c7 ♜xb2→

23.c4

23.♜f3 ♜b8 24.♖df5 ♔c7 25.c4

23...d5! 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.exd5 ♖xd5 26.♖df5 ♖f6



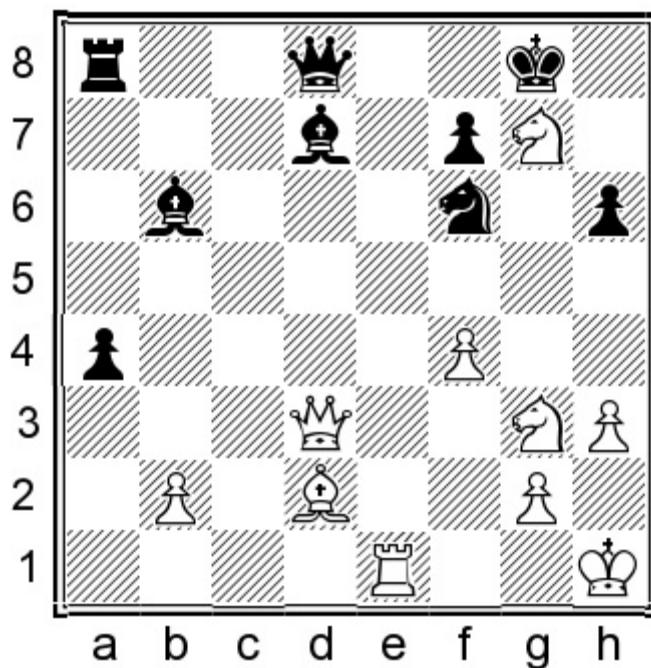
27.♖xg7!?

27.♔c3 ♜xe1+ 28.♜xe1 ♔xf5 29.♜xd8+ ♔xd8 30.♖xf5 ♔a5=; 27.♜xe8+ ♔xe8 28.♜e2 ♔a5=

27...♜xe1+

27...♔xg7 28.♔c3 ♜xe1+ 29.♜xe1 ♔g4 30.♜xd8 ♔xd8 31.hxg4 ♔h7=

28.♜xe1?



28. Qxe1 ♔xg7 (28... Qxh3 29. ♖xd8+ ♕xd8 30. gxh3 ♔xg7=) 29. ♕c3 ♔g8 30. ♜f5 ♕xf5 31. ♖xf5 ♜e8 32. ♖g4+ ♔h7 33. ♖f5+ ♔g8=

28... Qxh3! 29. ♖c2 ♕f2 30. ♕a5?

30. ♜f7 ♕xe1 31. ♕xe1 ♕xf5 32. ♜xf5 ♖f8 (32... ♜g4 33. ♖c3 ♖f6 34. ♖f3) 33. ♕c3 ♖a6 34. ♕e5

30... ♖xa5 31. ♖xf2 ♕g4+ 32. b4 ♖d5

32... axb3

33. b5 ♔xg7 34. ♖b2 ♖d1 35. ♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 36. ♔h2 ♖b3 37. ♖e5 ♖d5 38. ♖b2 ♕c8 39. b6 ♕b7 40. f5 ♕g8 41. ♔h3 ♜e4 42. ♖a3 ♜f2+ 43. ♔h4 ♖xg2 0-1

111. ** C65

**Shankland, Samuel L (2709) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782)
Saint Louis 149/111, 2021**

1. e4 e5 2. ♜f3 ♜c6 3. ♕b5 ♜f6 4. d3 ♕c5 5. c3

5. O-O ♜d4 6. ♜xd4 ♕xd4 7. c3 ♕b6 8. ♕g5?! (8. ♜a3 - 137/115) 8... h6 9. ♕h4 c6 10. ♕a4 d6 11. ♜d2? (11. ♕xf6 ♖xf6 12. ♜d2) 11... g5 12. ♕g3 h5 13. h4 ♕g4 14. ♖e1 ♜h7 15. hxg5 h4N (15... ♖xg5) 16. ♕h2 ♜xg5?! (16... ♖xg5! 17. ♔h1 ♖g8 18. ♖g1 (18. f4 ♖g6 19. ♖xh4 (19. ♖f2 exf4 20. ♕xf4 ♕xf2 21. ♖xf2 O-O-O+; 19. fxg5 ♕f3!-+) 19... ♕d1!-+) 18... ♜f6 19. d4 O-O-O+ 17. ♕d1 ♕e6 18. ♔h1 ♖e7 19. ♜f3 ♜xf3 20. ♕xf3 O-O-O+ Lajthajm, B (2370)-Basso, P (2550) Beograd 149/(111) 2021

5... d5 6. exd5 ♖xd5 7. ♕c4 ♖d8!?

7... ♖d6 - 145/108

8. ♕g5

8.♘bd2 O-O 9.♚e2N (9.b4) 9...h6 10.O-O ♖e8 11.♘e4 ♘b6 12.a4 a5 13.♙e3 ♙xe3 14.♘xf6+ ♚xf6
15.fxe3 ♚e7 16.♘d2 ♙e6 17.d4 ♖ad8 (17...♙xc4 18.♚xc4 ♖ad8=) 18.♙b5 exd4 19.exd4 ♙d5 20.♚f2±
Hansen,E (2606)-Mamedyarov,S (2782) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(111) 2021

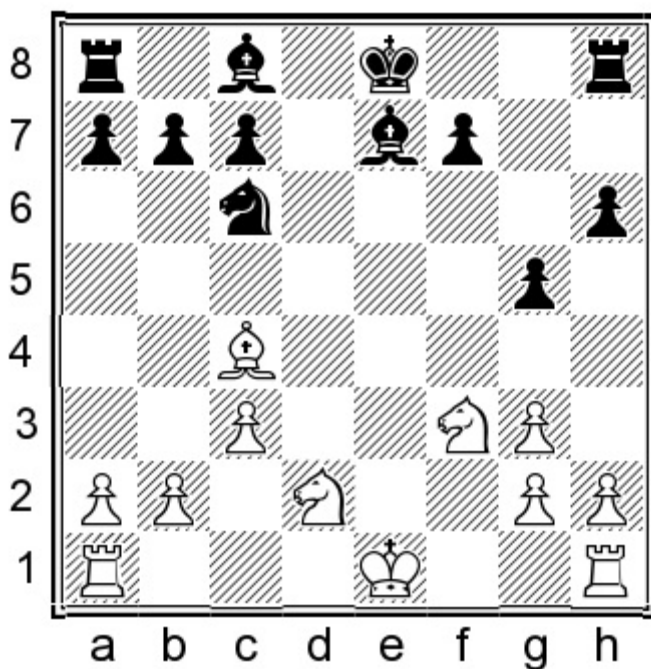
8...h6

8...O-O 9.♘bd2 ♙f5 10.♚e2 h6 11.♙xf6 ♚xf6 12.O-O ♖ae8 13.♘e4 ♚e7 14.♖fe1 ♙d6 15.b4 ♖h8
16.♚e3 a6∞

9.♙h4N

9.♙xf6 ♚xf6 10.♘bd2 ♙b6 11.♘e4 ♚e7 12.O-O ♙e6 13.♘ed2 O-O-O 14.b4 ♙f5∞

9...g5 10.♙g3 e4 11.♚e2 ♚e7 12.dxe4 ♘xe4 13.♘bd2 ♘xg3 14.♚xe7+ ♙xe7 15.fxg3



15...♙f5?!

15...g4! 16.♘d4 (16.♘h4 ♘e5 17.♙e2 ♙e6⚡) 16...♘xd4 17.cxd4 O-O⚡

16.O-O ♙g6 17.♙b5 O-O-O 18.♙xc6 bxc6?!

18...♙c5+! 19.♖h1 bxc6 20.♘b3 ♙b6 21.♘e5 ♖he8 22.♘xc6 ♖d6 23.♘cd4 c5 24.♘xc5↑

19.♘b3 ♖d5

19...♙f6 20.♘fd4 ♙xd4+ 21.cxd4 (21.♘xd4 c5 22.♘c6 ♖d6 23.♘e7+ ♖b7 24.♖ae1 ♖hd8=) 21...♖he8
22.♖ac1 ♖d6=

20.♖ae1 ♙f6 21.♘fd4 ♙xd4+ 22.♘xd4 ♖b7 23.♘b3 ♖b6 24.c4 ♖d7?

24...♖dd8 25.a4 ♖de8 26.a5+ ♖a6 27.h4∞

25.a4! a5 26.♖f6 [Δ c5] 26...♖a8 27.♖e5 ♖d1+ 28.♖f2 ♖a6 29.♖b5+

29.♔e2 ♖b1 30.♖b5+ ♔a7 31.♜c5 cxb5 32.♖xa6+ ♔b8 33.axb5 ♖xb2+ 34.♔e3±

29...♔a7 30.♖xa5 ♖xa5

♞30...♖b1 31.♖xa6+ ♔xa6 32.♖xc6+ ♔a7! 33.♖xc7+ ♔b6 34.♞d7 ♖xb2+ 35.♜d2 ♖a2±

31.♜xa5 ♖d2+ 32.♔f3 ♖xb2 33.♜xc6+ ♔a8 34.♜e5+- ♖c2 35.♜xf7 h5 36.♜xg5 ♖d1+ 37.♔e3 ♖e2+ 38.♔d4 ♖xg2 39.a5 ♖xh2 40.♜e6 h4 41.♜xc7+ ♔b8 42.♜b5 hxg3 43.a6 ♖h8 1-0

112. C65

Ivic, Velimir (2571) - Navara, David (2675)

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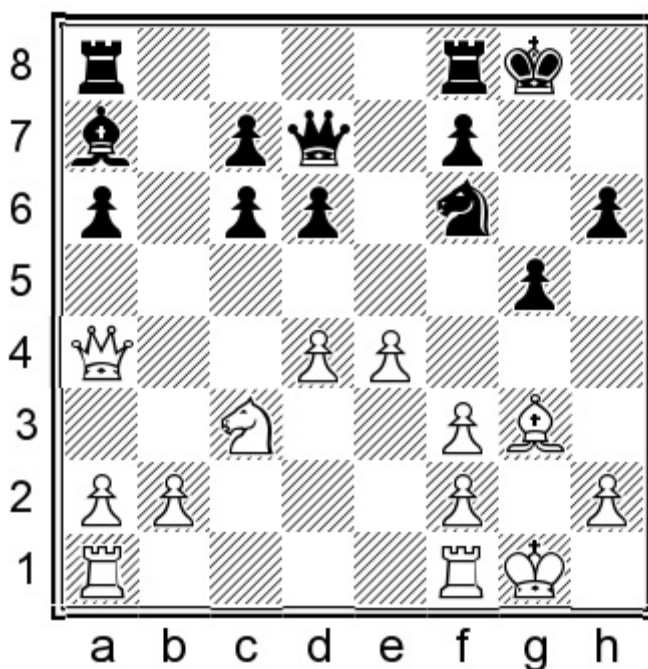
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8...g5 - 112/(181)

9.♖xc6 bxc6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 ♖a7 12.♜c3N

12.♞bd2 ♖e8 13.♖e1 g5 14.♖g3±

12...♖g4 13.♞a4 ♖xf3 14.gxf3 g5 15.♖g3 ♞d7



16.♖ac1?

16.♔g2! ♖ab8 17.♖ad1 (17.b3 ♞h5 18.♜d5! f5 19.♞xc6 ♖f7! 20.♞xd7 ♖xd7 21.exf5 ♖b5 22.♜c3 ♖xf5 23.♖ad1±) 17...♖xb2 18.♞xa6±

16...h5! 17.h4

17.e5□ ♞h7 18.♜d5 ♖ad8! (18...h4 19.♖xc6! hxg3 20.hxg3 ♖ad8 21.exd6 cxd6 22.♖xa6∞) 19.♞xc6 (19.♖xc6 dxe5 20.♜xc7 ♖xd4⌘) 19...h4 20.♔g2 hxg3 21.hxg3 dxe5 (21...♖xd4? 22.♖h1 ♞xc6

23.♖e7+ ♘h8 24.♗xh7+ ♘xh7 25.♗h1+ ♘g7 26.♜f5+ ♘g6 27.♜e7+=) 22.♜f6+ (22.♗h1 f6+) 22...♜xf6 23.♗xf6 ♖d6 24.♗xg5+ ♖g6 25.♗xg6+ fxg6 26.dxe5 ♖b6+; 17.♗a5? ♜h7 18.h4 f5!-+

17...gxh4 18.♙xh4 ♖h3! 19.♙xf6 ♜h7 20.♙g5

20.♜e2 ♗g8+ 21.♜g3 ♗g6! 22.♗c4 (22.e5 ♗ag8 23.♗c2 ♙xd4-+) 22...♗ag8 23.♗xf7+ ♜h6-+; 20.f4 ♗g4+ 21.♜h1 ♗f3+ 22.♜g1 ♗g8+ 23.♙g5 ♗xf4-+

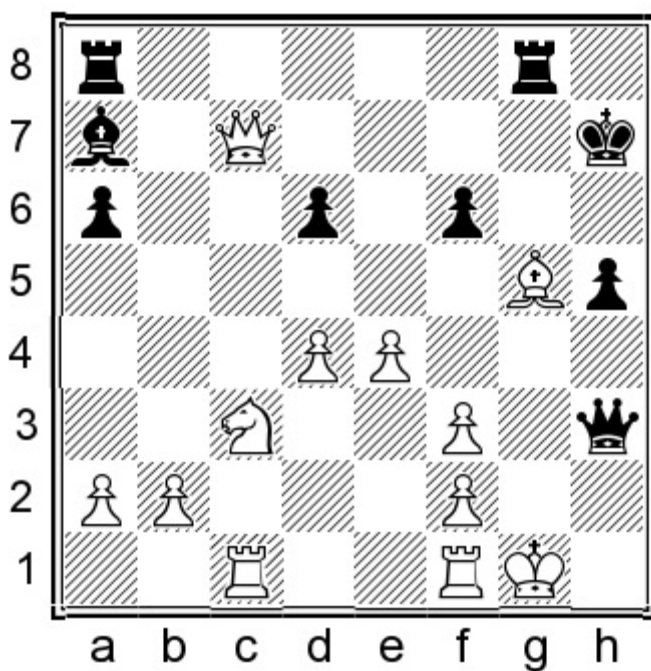
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21.♗xc6?

21.e5! fxg5 (21...♗xf3 22.♗c2+ ♜h8 23.♜e4∞) 22.♜e4 ♜h8 23.exd6 g4 (23...♗xf3 24.♗xc6 ♗g4+ 25.♜g3 ♗xg3+ 26.fxg3 ♗xg3+ 27.♗g2 ♙xd4+ 28.♜h1 ♗h4+ 29.♗h2 ♗e4+ 30.♗g2=; 23...♗xf3 24.♗xc6 cxd6 25.♜xd6 ♙xd4∞) 24.♗a5! ♙xd4 25.♗c5! ♙xc5 26.♗c3+ ♜g8 27.♗xc5=

21...♗g8-+ 22.♗xc7+



22...♜h8!

22...♗g7? 23.♜d5! ♗g8 (23...♗xc7 24.♗xc7+ ♜h8 25.♜xf6+-) 24.♗xa7! ♜h8 25.♗xg7+ ♗xg7 26.f4 fxg5 27.f5=

23.f4 ♙xd4 24.♜e2

24.♗xd6 ♙e5!-+

24...fxg5 25.f5 ♙e5 26.♜g3 h4 0-1

113. * C67**Swiercz, Dariusz (2655) - So, Wesley (2772)****Saint Louis 149/113, 2021**

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 ♟f6 4.O-O ♟xe4 5.d4 ♟d6 6.♙xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♟f5 8.♚xd8+ ♜xd8 9.h3
 ♙d7 10.♞d1 ♙e7 11.g4 ♟h4 12.♟xh4 ♙xh4 13.♟d2 ♜c8 14.♟f3 ♙e7 15.♙g5

15.♞d3 - 125/99

15...♙c5 16.♞d3 ♙e6 17.♙e3 ♙xe3 18.♞xe3 ♜d7 19.♟d4 ♞ad8

19...h5 20.♞d1 ♜e7 21.♟f5+ ♜f8 (21...♙xf5 22.gxf5 ♞ad8 (22...g6 23.e6 ♞ad8 24.exf7+ ♜xf7
 25.fxg6+ ♜xg6 26.♞de1±) 23.♞xd8 ♞xd8 24.♞d3 ♞d5 25.f4±) 22.♞ed3N ♞e8 23.♞d8 g6 24.♟e3 hxg4
 25.hxg4 ♜g7 26.♞xe8 ♞xe8 27.f4± Vachier Lagrave,M (2749)-Grischuk,A (2778) Zagreb (blitz)
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20.f4N

20.♞d3 ♜e7 (20...♜c8 21.♟xe6 ♞xd3 22.cxd3 fxe6 23.♜f1±) 21.♞ad1 g6 22.♟xe6 ♞xd3 23.♞xd3
 ♜xe6 24.♜g2∞

20...♜e7 21.♟xe6 fxe6 22.♞f1 h5 23.f5

23.♞g3 hxg4 24.♞xg4 ♜f7 25.h4 ♞d2 26.♞f2=

23...hxg4 24.hxg4 ♞h4 25.f6+ ♜f7 26.♞e4 ♞d2 27.fxg7+ ♜xg7 28.♞f2

28.♞f6 ♞hh2 (28...♞xc2 29.♞d4=; 28...♞h6 29.♞ef4=) 29.♞ef4 ♞xc2 30.♞xe6 ♞hd2 (30...♞xb2
 31.♞ff6=) 31.♞f5 ♞c1+ 32.♞f1 ♞xf1+ 33.♜xf1 ♞xb2 34.♞e7+ ♜g6 35.♞xc7=

28...♞xf2

28...♞h1+ 29.♜g2

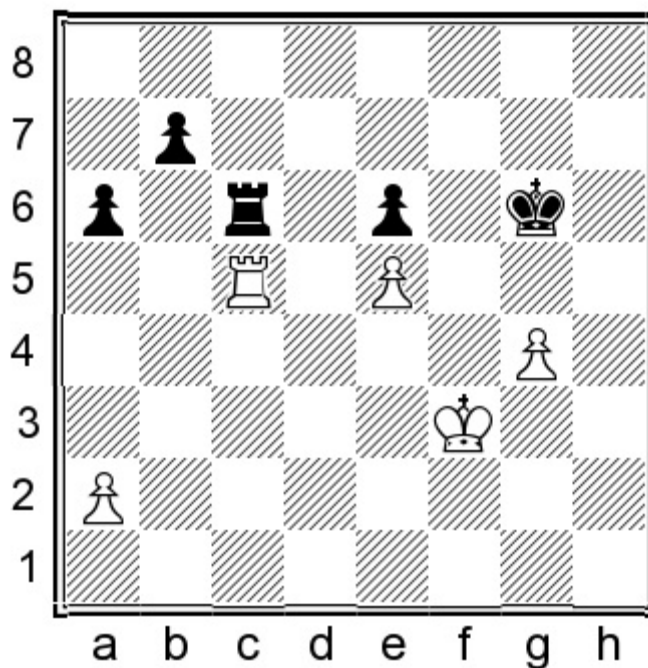
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33...♞xa2 34.♞xb7 ♞a3+ 35.♜f4 ♞a4+ 36.♜f3=

34.♞e7 ♞b6 35.♞c7 a6

35...♞c6 36.♞xb7 c4 37.♜e2 c3 38.♜d1 c2+ 39.♜c1 a6 40.♞d7=

36.♞xc5 ♞c6



37.♖a5??

37.♖xc6! bxc6 38.♗e4 ♖g5 39.a4 a5 (39...♗xg4 40.a5 c5 41.♗d3 ♗f4 42.♗c4 ♗xe5 43.♗xc5=) 40.♗d4 ♗xg4 41.♗c5 ♗f4 42.♗b6 ♗xe5 43.♗xa5 ♗d4 44.♗b6 c5 45.a5 c4 46.a6 c3 47.a7 c2 48.a8=♚ c1=♚=

37...♖c3+-+ 38.♗e4 ♖c4+ 39.♗d3

39.♗f3 ♗g5

39...♖xg4 40.♖c5 ♗f5 41.♗c3 b5 42.♗b3 ♖c4 43.♖xc4 bxc4+ 44.♗xc4 ♗xe5 45.a4 ♗f4 0-1

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Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2749) - Karjakin, Sergey (2757)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/114, 2021

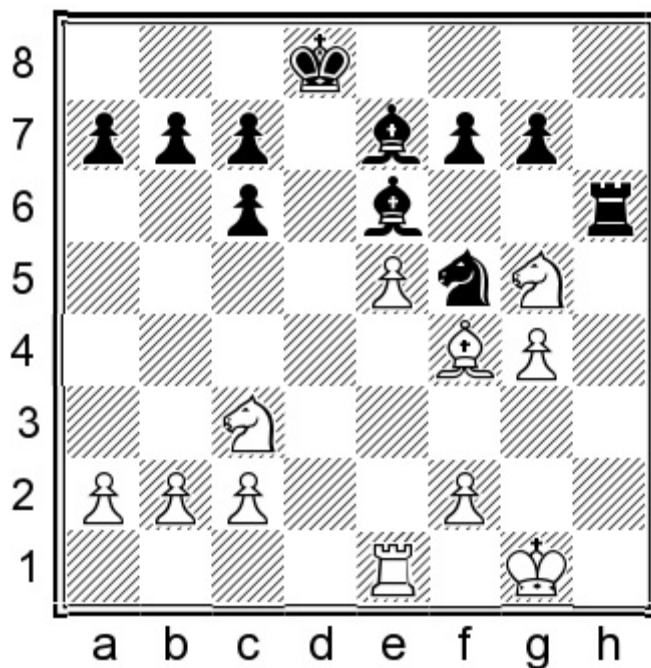
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15...♗xd8 - 112/(91)

16.g4

16.♗xe6+ ♖xe6 17.g4N (17.♗e4) 17...♗h4 18.♖e3 ♖g6 19.♖g3 hxg4 20.hxg4 ♗e8= Giri,A (2780)-Radjabov,T (2765) chess24.com (Int.-m1/3-rapid) 149/(114) 2021

16...hxg4 17.hxg4

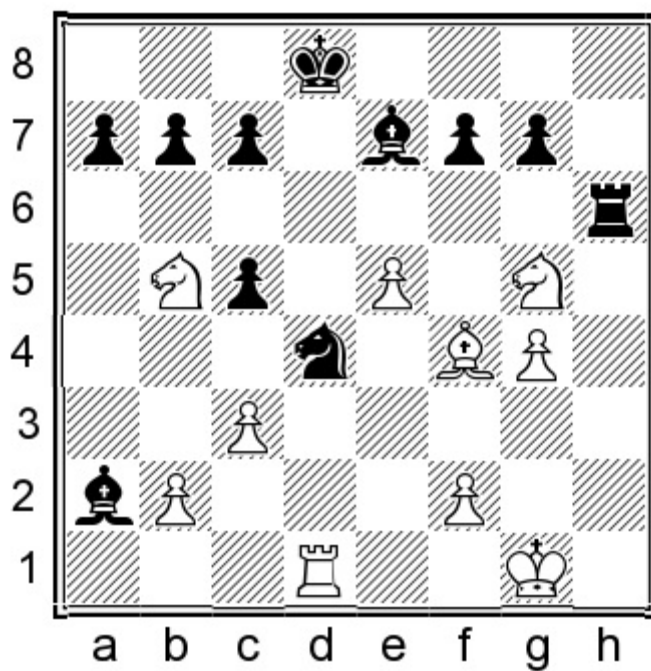


17...Nxd4!N

17...Nh4 18. Re4 Ke8 19. Nxe6 Rxe6 20. Qg3±

18. Rd1 c5 19. Nxe6+

19. Nb5 Qxg4 (19...Qxa2 20. e6 (20. c3?



20...Rg6! 21. cxd4 Qb3! 22. Rd2 Qxg5 23. dxc5+ Ke7+) 20...Qc8 21. Nxd4 cxd4 22. exf7 Qxf7 23. Nxf7 Rf6 24. Rxd4 Rxf7=) 20. Rxd4+ (20. f3?! Qh5 21. Nxf7+ Qxf7 22. Qxh6 gxh6 23. c3 a6 24. Ba3 Qxa2 25. cxd4 Qb3 26. Rd3 c4 27. Re3 Qg5) 20...cxd4 21. Nxf7+ Qd7 22. Qxh6 (22. Nxf7 gxh6 23. Nxd4 c5 24. Nb5 a6 25. Nc3 Qf8=) 22...Qe6 (22...gxh6 23. Nxf7 d3 24. cxd3 Qe6 25. f3 Qc5+ 26. Qg2 Qxa2=)

23.♟xd4 ♞xf7 24.♞xg7 ♞xa2=

19...♞xe6 20.♞e2 ♜c8 21.♞xd4 cxd4 22.♞xd4 g5 23.♞g3 ♞a6 24.a4

24.a3 ♞b6 25.b4 ♞a6 26.♞d3 ♞a4 27.♞f3 (27.♞g2 c5 28.♞c3 ♞d7 29.bxc5 ♞xg4=) 27...♞d7 28.♞xf7 ♞xa3 29.c4 ♞b3 30.b5 ♞b4=

24...♞c6 25.c3

25.c4 ♞b6 26.♞d3 ♞xb2 27.♞f3 ♞d7 28.♞xf7 ♞e6 29.♞h7 ♞c2 30.♞h6+ ♞f7=; 25.♞d2 ♞c4=

25...♞b6 26.b4

26.♞d2 ♞a6 27.b3 ♞b6 28.♞b2 a6 29.♞g2 (29.c4 ♞c6) 29...♞c6 30.c4 b5! 31.cxb5 (31.axb5 axb5 32.♞c2 ♞d7 33.♞f3 bxc4 34.bxc4 (34.♞xc4 ♞b6 35.♞c3 ♞e6=) 34...♞e6 35.♞e4 ♞c5=) 31...axb5 32.axb5 (32.a5 ♞a6 33.♞a2 (33.b4 c5 34.bxc5 ♞xa5=) 33...♞b4 34.♞f3 ♞xa5 35.♞xa5 ♞xa5 36.♞e4 c5 37.♞d5 c4 38.bxc4 bxc4 39.♞xc4 ♞d7=) 32...♞c3 33.♞d2 ♞xb3 34.♞d5 ♞b4 35.f3 (35.♞f3 ♞a4=) 35...♞b2+ 36.♞f1 ♞b3 37.♞e2 ♞b2+ 38.♞e3 ♞b3+ 39.♞e4 ♞b4+ 40.♞f5 ♞b3=

26...♞c6 27.♞d3 ♞c4 28.♞f3

28.f3 c5=

28...♞d7! 29.♞xf7 ♞e6 30.♞h7 ♞xc3 31.b5 ♞c4 32.♞h6+ ♞d5 33.♞h7 ♞e6 34.♞h6+ ♞d5 35.♞h7 ♞e6 1/2-1/2

115. C67

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751) - Xiong, Jeffery (2710)

Saint Louis 149/115, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♞f3 ♞c6 3.♞b5 ♞f6 4.O-O ♞xe4 5.d4 ♞d6 6.♞xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♞f5 8.♞xd8+ ♞xd8 9.h3 ♞d7 10.♞d1 ♞e7 11.♞c3 ♞e8

11...♞c8 - 122/114

12.g4 ♞h4 13.♞xh4 ♞xh4 14.♞f4 ♞d8N

14...♞e7 15.♞g2±

15.♞g2 ♞e7 16.♞e3 a5

16...h5 17.f3±

17.f4 h5 18.f5

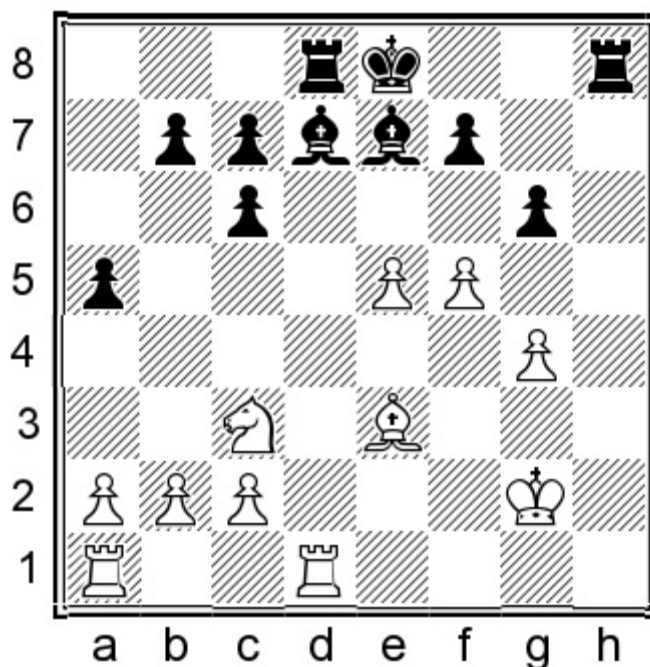
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18...hxg4?

18...g6! 19.f6 (19.♞f1 hxg4 20.hxg4 gxf5 21.gxf5 c5 22.f6 ♞c6+ 23.♞g3 ♞f8↑) 19...♞b4 20.♞g3

hxg4 21.hxg4 ♖xc3 22.bxc3 ♜e6=

19.hxg4 g6?



19...c5 20.♘d5 ♜c6 21.c4 a4 22.♔g3±

20.♖h1! ♜f8

20...♖xh1 21.♖xh1 ♜c8 (21...gxf5 22.♖h8+ ♜f8 23.♜c5+-) 22.e6 fxe6 23.fxg6+-; 20...♜h4 21.♜g5+-; 20...♖g8 21.f6 ♜b4 22.♘e4 ♜xg4 (22...♜e6 23.a3 ♜d5 24.♔f3 ♜f8 25.♔f4+-) 23.a3 ♜f8 24.♘g5 ♜d5 (24...♜h5 25.e6+-) 25.♜f4 ♜h5 26.c4 ♜d4 27.e6+-

21.f6 ♜b4 22.♘e4 ♜e6

22...♜xg4 23.a3 ♜f5 24.♔f3 ♜xe4+ 25.♔xe4 ♜d2 26.♜c5+-; 22...a4 23.c3 ♜a5 24.b4 axb3 25.axb3+-

23.c3 ♜d5 24.♔f3 ♜d6 25.c4 ♜xe4+ 26.♔xe4 ♜b4 27.a3 ♜d2 28.♜c5 ♖g8 29.e6 1-0

116. * C67

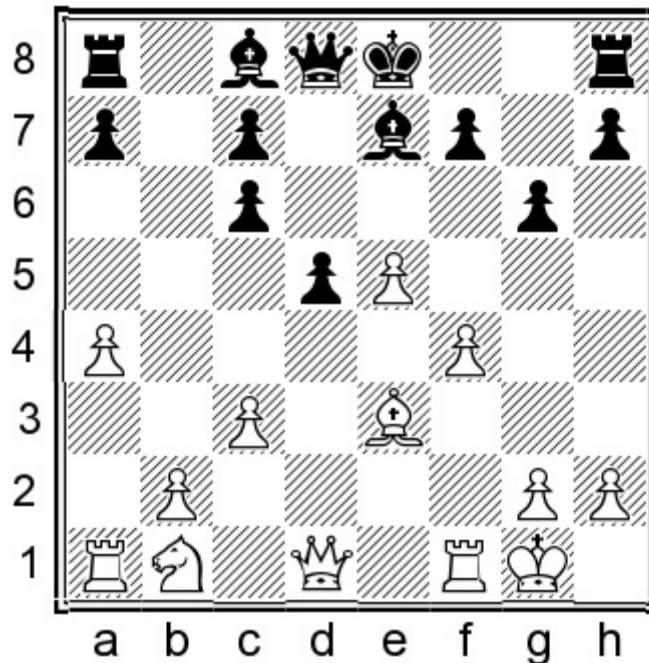
Ponkratov, Pavel (2627) - Goryachkina, Aleksandra (2596)

Russia 149/116, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♜b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.dxe5 ♘xb5 7.a4 ♘bd4 8.♘xd4 d5 9.c3 ♜e7 10.f4 g6N

10...a5N - 149/(116) 11.♘d2 ♘xd4 12.cxd4 g6 13.b3 O-O 14.♜a3 ♜xa3 15.♖xa3 ♜e7 16.♖a1 ♜b4 17.♘f3 ♜f5 18.h3 f6∞ Doronkin,S-Quevedo Garcia,V corr 149/(116) 2020; 10...f6 11.exf6 ♜xf6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♖e1+ ♔f7 14.♜e3±; 10...O-O 11.♜e3 f6 (11...a5 12.♘d2 ♘xd4 13.cxd4 f5 14.♜b3 c6 15.♘f3±) 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♘d2 fxe5 (13...♜a6?! 14.♖f3 fxe5 15.fxe5 ♜d7 16.♘b3 ♖xf3 17.♜xf3 ♖f8 18.♜g3± - 147/109) 14.fxe5 ♜e8 15.b4 a5 16.bxa5 c5 17.♘b3 ♜c6 18.♖xf8+ ♜xf8∞

11.♟xc6 bxc6 12.♙e3



12...O-O?!

12...c5! 13.♟d2 (13.♞f3 O-O 14.♞f2 ♜b8) 13...d4 14.♙f2 O-O

13.♟d2 f6

13...c5!? 14.♟b3 ♜b8

14.a5 ♙a6 15.♞f2 fxe5 16.fxe5 ♞xf2 17.♙xf2 ♞d7 18.♟b3 ♞f8

18...♞b8 19.♙xa7±; 18...♙c4 19.♞c2 a6 (19...♞f5? 20.♞xf5 gxf5 21.♟d4±) 20.♟d4 c5 21.e6! ♞c8 22.♟f3 ♞xe6 23.♞e1 ♞d6 (23...♞f7 24.♟e5 ♞f6 25.♞d2 (25.♟xc4 dxc4 26.♞e4 ♞f8!) 25...♞d8 26.♟g4 ♞g5 27.♟h6+ ♟f8 28.♙e3 ♞h4 29.g3 ♞f6 30.b3 ♙b5 31.♙f4±) 24.♙g3 ♞d8 25.♟e5± Δ♙b5? 26.♟xg6 hxg6 27.♞xg6+ ♟f8 28.♞e3+-

19.♞e1

19.♞c2 ♙c4 20.♙xa7 c5 21.♟xc5 ♞c6 22.♟a4 ♞a8 23.♙d4 ♞xa5 24.b3 ♙b5 25.♞d2 ♞a8 (25...♙xa4 26.♞a2!±) 26.♟h1 c5 27.♙g1±

19...♞g4 20.h3 ♞f4 21.♟d4 ♞e4 22.♞d2

22.♞xe4 dxe4 23.♟xc6 ♙g5 24.♙xa7 e3 25.♟b4 ♙b5 26.♙c5 ♞f5 27.b3! (27.a6?? e2-+) 27...♞xe5 28.a6 e2 29.♙f2+-

22...♙c5 23.b4 ♙xd4 24.♙xd4 ♞f5 25.♞e1 ♞e6 26.♙xa7

26.♞g5 ♟g7 27.♙e3 ♞f7 28.♞h6+ ♟g8 29.♙xa7+-

26...♞f5 27.♙d4+- g5 28.♞d1 h6 29.♞g4 ♟f7 30.♟h2 ♟e7 31.♞e3 ♞f4 32.♞g3 ♟e8 33.♞f3 ♞xf3

34.♖xf3 ♔d7 35.♗f8 ♙b5 36.♔g1 ♙c4 37.♗g7+ ♔d8 38.♙c5 ♔c8

38...♗f5 39.♗xh6 ♗f1+ 40.♔h2 ♗f4+ 41.♔h1 ♗f1+ 42.♙g1

39.♙b6 ♗d7 40.♗f8+ ♔b7 41.♙d4 h5 42.♗f6 g4 43.e6 ♗h7 44.e7 ♗b1+ 45.♔h2 ♗e1 46.♙e5 c5
47.hxg4 ♙b5 48.a6+ ♔a8 49.♙xc7 ♙e8 50.♙g3 1-0

C75-C99

117. C77

Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2738) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/3-rapid) 149/117, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 ♘f6 4.d3 d6 5.c3 a6 6.♙a4 g6 7.O-O ♙g7 8.♞e1 O-O 9.h3 ♘b8!?

9...♞e8 - 119/109

10.♘bd2 ♘bd7 11.♙c2 b5 12.a4 ♙b7 13.b4 c5N

13...♘b6

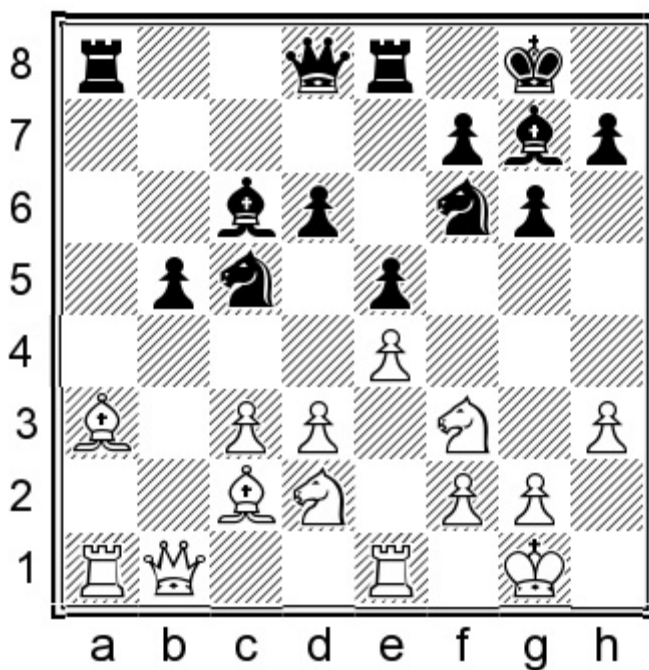
14.bxc5 ♘xc5 15.axb5

15.d4 ♘xa4 16.♙xa4 bxa4 17.♚xa4 ♚c7∞

15...axb5 16.♙a3

16.♞b1 ♞e8 17.c4 bxc4 18.♘xc4 ♙a6=

16...♞e8 17.♚b1 ♙c6



17...♞b8! 18.♙b4 (18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 b4 20.♙b2 b3 21.dxc5 bxc2 22.♚xc2 dxc5=) 18...♘h5 19.d4 exd4 20.cxd4 ♘e6⇝

18.d4

18.c4! ♖b8 (18...♗b6 19.cxb5 ♗xb5 20.♗xb5 ♕xb5 21.♕xc5 dxc5 22.♞xa8 ♞xa8 23.♞b1±) 19.♕xc5 dxc5 20.cxb5 ♕xb5 21.♞a7 c4 (21...♕xd3 22.♗a2 c4 23.♕xd3 ♗xd3 24.♜xc4±) 22.♗a2 ♞a8 23.dxc4 ♞xa7 24.♗xa7 ♕c6 25.c5±

18...exd4 19.cxd4 b4! 20.♕b2

20.♕xb4 ♜cxe4 21.♜xe4 ♜xe4∞; 20.dxc5 bxa3 21.cxd6 ♜d7 22.♞a2 ♗f6!? (22...♜e5 23.♜xe5 ♕xe5 24.♜c4 ♕xd6=) 23.♜c4 ♗c3↑

20...b3 21.dxc5 bxc2 22.♗xc2 dxc5 23.♜e5

23.♗xc5 ♕xe4 24.♜xe4 (24.♞ad1 ♕xf3 25.♜xf3 ♞xe1+ 26.♞xe1=) 24...♜xe4 25.♞xa8 ♗xa8 26.♗c2=

23...♕a4!?

23...♞xa1 24.♕xa1 ♕b7 25.f3 ♜h5 26.♜dc4 ♗c7∞

24.♞xa4

24.♗c1 ♕h6 25.♜xf7!? ♜xf7 (25...♕xd2 26.♜xd8 ♕xc1 27.♕xf6±) 26.♗c4+ ♞e6 27.♜f3 ♕d7 28.♞xa8 ♗xa8 29.♜e5+ ♜e7 30.♗xc5+ ♜e8 31.♞a1∞

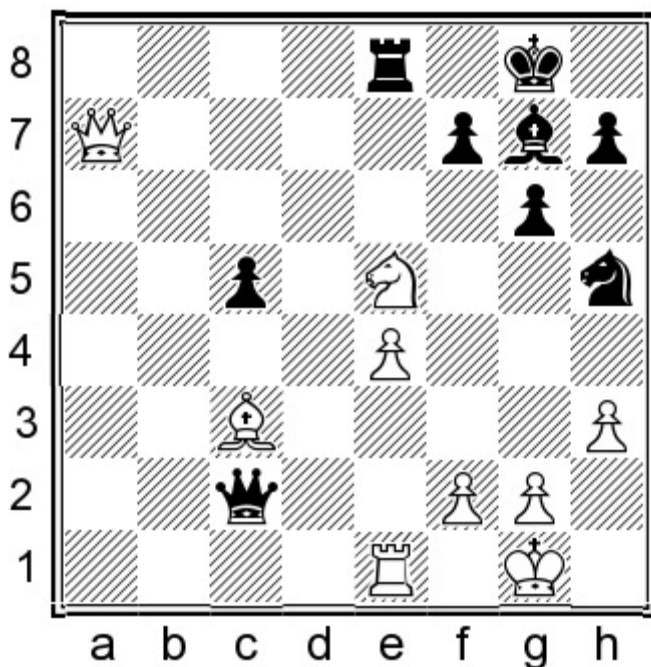
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26...♜g4 27.hxg4 ♕xe5 28.♕xe5 ♞xe5 29.♞d1 ♗g5=

27.♕c3

27.♞d1?! ♗c2≡

27...♗c2 28.♗a7



28.g3 ♘f6 29.♖b2 ♜xb2 30.♙xb2=

28...♜b3!

28...♙xe5?! 29.♙xe5± ♜xe5? 30.♖b8+-

29.♖xc5 ♘f4 30.♞e3 ♜d1+

30...♙xe5 31.♙xe5 ♜d1+ 32.♔h2 ♘e2 33.♞xe2 ♜xe2 34.♖d4=

31.♞e1 ♜b3

31...♖a4 32.g3 ♙xe5 (32...♘h3+ 33.♔g2 ♘g5 34.♖d5=) 33.gxf4 ♙xc3 34.♖xc3 ♞xe4 35.♞xe4 ♜xe4=; 31...♖c2 32.♖c6 ♞f8 33.♙a1 ♖a2=

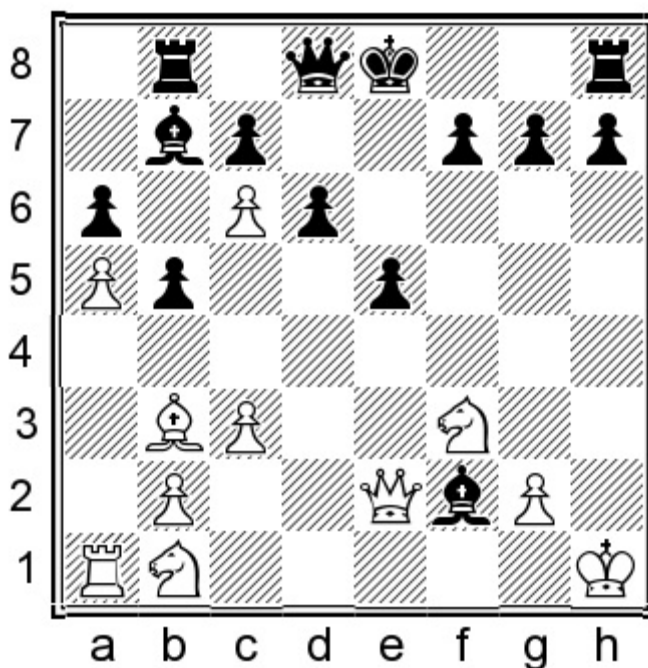
32.♞e3 ♜d1+ 33.♞e1 ♜b3 1/2-1/2

118. ** C78

Grischuk, Alexander (2778) - Giri, Anish (2776)

Zagreb (rapid) 149/118, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♙b3 ♙c5 7.a4 ♞b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♙b6 10.a5 ♙a7 11.h3 ♙b7 12.♙e3 ♘xe4 13.d5 ♙xe3 14.dxc6 ♘xf2 15.♖e2 ♘h3+ 16.♔h1 ♘f2+ 17.♞xf2 ♙xf2



18.cxb7!?

18.♖xf2 - 149/120

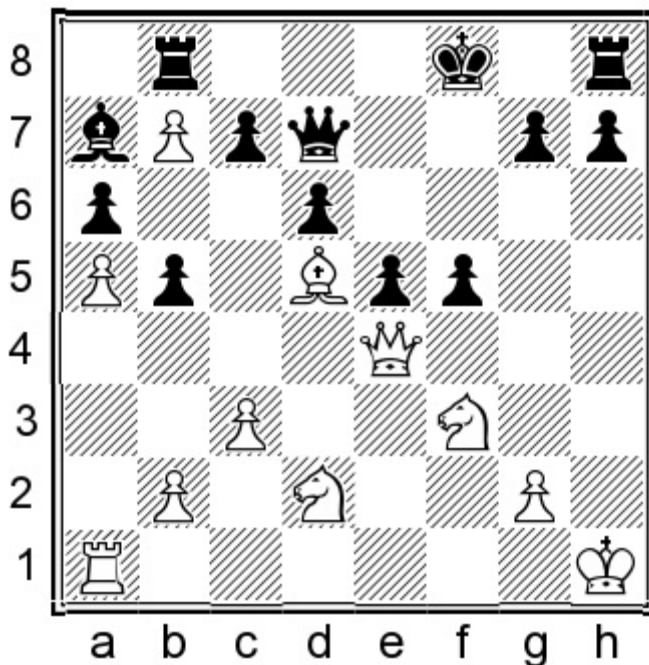
18...♙a7 19.♙d5 ♜d7N

19...O-O - 149/(118) 20.b4? (20.c4! b4 21.♘bd2 ♔h8 22.c5! dxc5 (22...♙xc5 23.♘e4 ♙a7 24.♖xa6+-) 23.♖xe5↑) 20...♖d7 21.♖e4 ♔h8 22.♙c6 f5! 23.♖d5 ♖e7 24.♘bd2 ♞f6 25.♘f1 ♞h6+ 26.♘3h2

♖f8→ Kuybokarov,T (2549)-Urazayev,A (2429) tornelo.com (Internet) 149/ (118) 2021

20.♜d4 - 149/118

20.♛e4?N ♔f8? Vachier Lagrave,M (2760)-Aronian,L (2781) Paris (blitz) 149/(118) 2021 (20...♔f8
21.♞bd2 f5



22.♞f1!! ♔e8 (22...g6 23.♞h4 ♔g7 (23...♞g7 24.♞g5+-) 24.♞g5+-; 22...fxe4 23.♞xe5+ ♔e8
24.♞xd7 ♔xd7 25.♞f7+ ♔d8 26.♞xe4 ♞e8 27.♞c6!+-) 23.♞xe5! fxe4 (23...dxe5 24.♞xf5+-)
24.♞xd7+- - 22...fe4; 20...f5! 21.♞h4 c6 22.♞b3 e4 23.♞g5 d5+-)

20...♛e7!

20...♞xd4?! 21.♞f3! O-O 22.cxd4↑

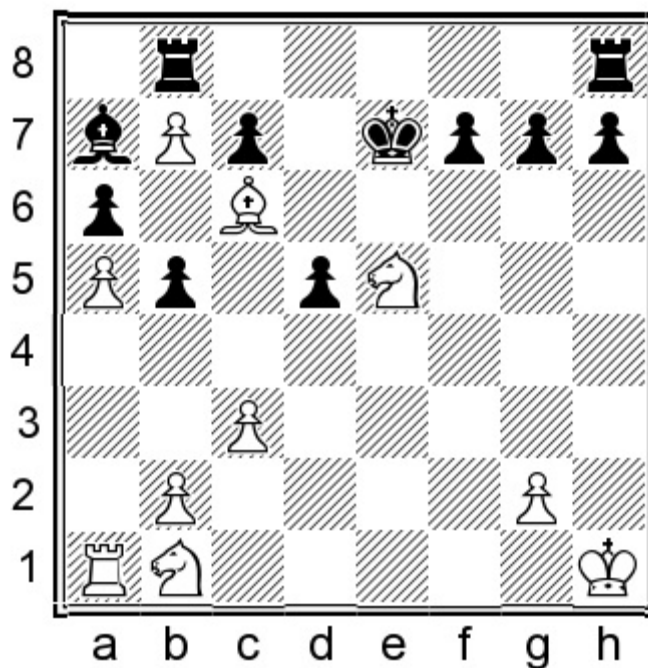
21.♞c6+ ♔f8 22.♞f3 d5!

22...♛e6?! 23.c4! d5! (23...bxc4? 24.♞c3+-) 24.cxd5 ♞h6+ 25.♞h2 ♞c1+ 26.♞f1 ♞xb2 27.d6!
(27.♞a3 e4 28.d6 ♞e5 29.♞xe4 cxd6∞) 27...cxd6 28.♞d5 f6 29.♞a3↑

23.♛xe5

23.♞xd5?! c6! 24.♞xc6 ♞e6 25.♞e4 f5 26.♞a3 fxe4 27.♛xe4 ♔e7=

23...♛xe5 24.♞xe5 ♔e7



25. ♖xb5

25. ♗d3!? ♕d6 26. ♗b4 ♖c5 27. ♗xa6 ♕xc6 28. ♗xc5 (28. ♗xb8+ ♖xb8 29. a6 ♖a7 30. ♗d2 b4 31. cxb4 (31. c4 ♖d8) 31... ♖e8↑) 28... ♕xc5 29. a6 b4 30. ♗d2 bxc3 31. bxc3 ♕b6 32. a7 ♖xb7 33. a8=♚ ♖xa8 34. ♖xa8∞

25...axb5 26. a6 ♕d6 27. ♗xf7+ ♕c6 28. ♗e5+

28. ♗xh8 ♖xh8 29. ♗d2 ♖d8 30. ♗f3 ♖e8 31. ♗d4+ ♕b6 32. b4 h5∞

28...♕d6 29. ♗f7+ ♕c6 30. ♗e5+ ♕d6 31. ♗f7+ 1/2-1/2

119. C78

Naroditsky, Daniel (2623) - So, Wesley (2772)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 149/119, 2021

1. e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♖b5 a6 4. ♖a4 ♗f6 5. O-O b5 6. ♖b3 ♖c5 7. d3 d6 8. a4 ♖b8 9. axb5 axb5 10. ♖e3 ♖xe3

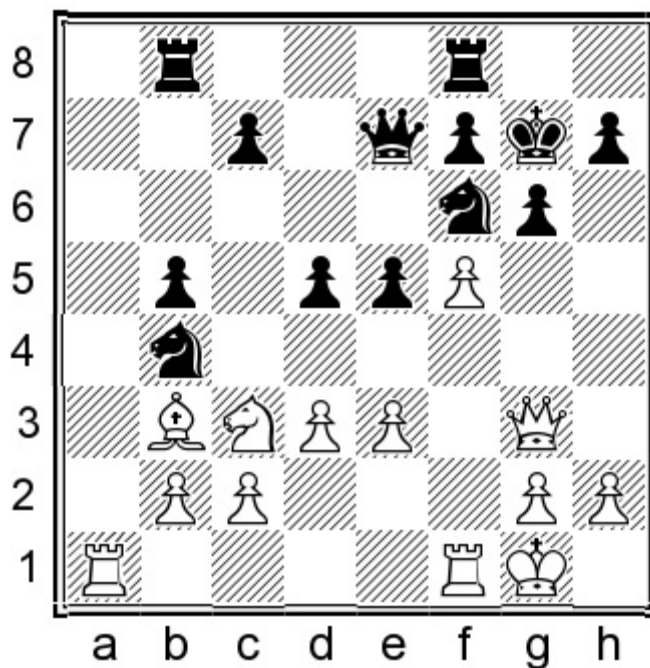
10...O-O - 71/343

11. fxe3 O-O 12. ♖e1 ♖e7N

12...♖e6; 12...♗e7! 13. ♖g3 c5=

13. ♗h4 g6 14. ♗c3 ♗b4 15. ♖g3 ♕g7 16. ♗f5+ ♖xf5 17. ♖xf5

17. exf5 d5

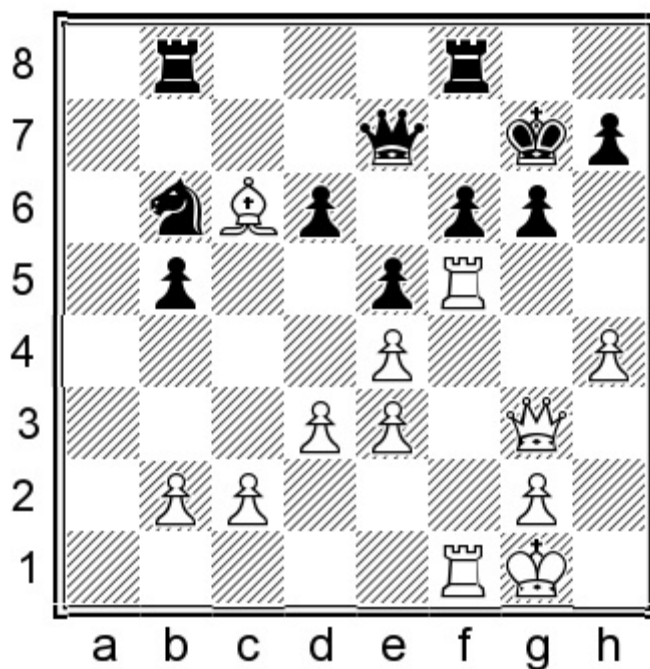


(17...c5 18.♖e4! ♜xe4 19.dxe4 f6 20.c3 c4 (20...♜d3 21.♙e6±) 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.♙d1 ♜d3 23.♙h5 ♜f7 24.♞f3±) 18.d4! exd4 19.exd4 ♜c6 20.♞f4 ♞d6 21.♞xd6 cxd6 22.♜xd5 ♜xd5 23.♙xd5 ♜xd4 24.f6+±

17...♜d7 18.♞af1 f6 19.♜d5 ♜xd5 20.♙xd5 ♜b6 21.h4 c6!?

21...♜xd5 22.exd5 ♜h8 (22...♜h6!? 23.♞5f3 f5∞ 24.h5 ♞g5) 23.♞5f3 f5 24.h5 ♞f6 25.hxg6 ♞xg6 26.♞h3 ♞bg8 27.♞1f2 (27.♞xf5 ♞g3 28.♞h2 ♞g7 29.♞1f2 ♞g4↑) 27...f4 28.exf4 exf4 29.♞xf4 ♞e1+ 30.♜h2 ♞e5=

22.♙xc6



22...♖c7??

22...♖bc8 23.♙xb5 ♖xc2 24.♖5f2 (24.b4 d5! 25.h5 dxe4 26.dxe4 ♘c4 27.♙xc4 ♖xc4=; 24.b3 ♖c3 25.♖b1 d5=) 24...♖c5 25.♙a6 ♖a5 26.♙c4 ♘xc4 27.dxc4 ♖a4=

23.♙xb5 ♖xc2 24.h5+- ♖xb2 25.h6+ ♔h8

25...♔xh6 26.♖xf6 ♔g7 27.♖f3+-; 25...♔g8 26.♖xf6 ♖xf6 27.♖xf6 ♖xb5 28.♖xg6++-

26.♖g5! ♖xb5 27.♖xf6 ♖fe8

27...♖g8 28.♖f7+-

28.♖xg6! ♘d7 29.♖g7 1-0

120. * !N C78

Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2738) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2726)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/120, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♙b3 ♙c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♙b6 10.a5 ♙a7 10...♘xa5? 11.♖xa5 ♙xa5 12.dxe5 ♘g4 13.♙g5↑ - 80/362

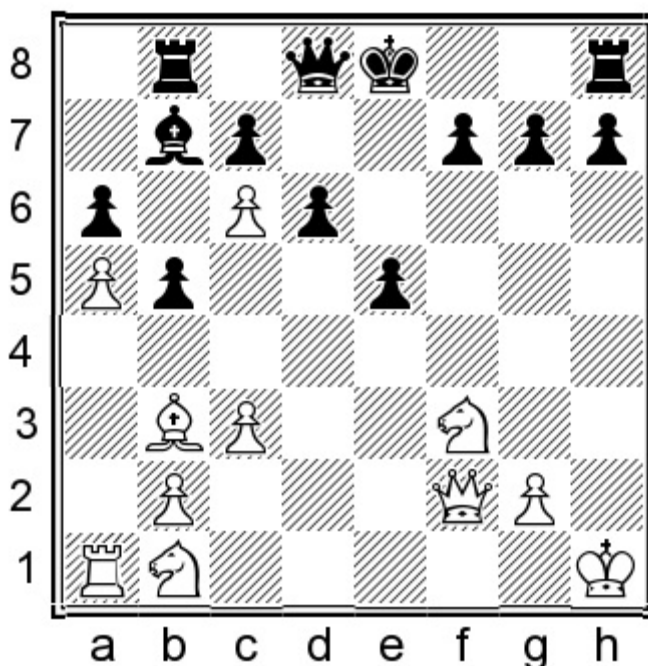
11.h3

11.♙e3 ♙g4 - 108/(91)

11...♙b7 12.♙e3 ♘xe4 13.d5 ♙xe3 14.dxc6 ♘xf2 15.♖e2

15.♖d5 - 111/157

15...♘xh3+ 16.♔h1 ♘f2+ 17.♖xf2 ♙xf2 18.♖xf2



18...♙xc6!N

18...♙c8? 19.♘xe5 O-O 20.♘d3±

19.♘xe5 ♙xg2+! 20.♖g1

20.♖xg2? ♜g5+ 21.♖f1 (21.♖h1? ♜h5+ 22.♖g2 dxe5--+) 21...♜xe5 22.♜xf7+ ♔d8 23.♙e6 ♜f6+±

20...♜f6

20...O-O 21.♘xf7 ♜e7 22.♘d2 d5 23.♜xg2 ♜e3+ 24.♖h1 ♖xf7! 25.♙xd5+ ♖e7 26.♘f3 ♜h6+ 27.♘h2 ♜f4□∞

21.♘xf7 ♜xf2+ 22.♖xf2 ♜f8 23.♖xg2 ♜xf7 24.♙xf7+ ♖xf7 25.♘d2 ♜e8 - 149/120

25...b4!?N 26.c4 ♜e8 27.♖f3 ♜e5 28.♘f1 ♜f5+ 29.♖e2 ♜h5 30.♖d3 ♜h1 31.♜e1 c6 1/2 (31) Nihal,S (2655)-Arjun,K (2503) Riga 149/(120) 2021

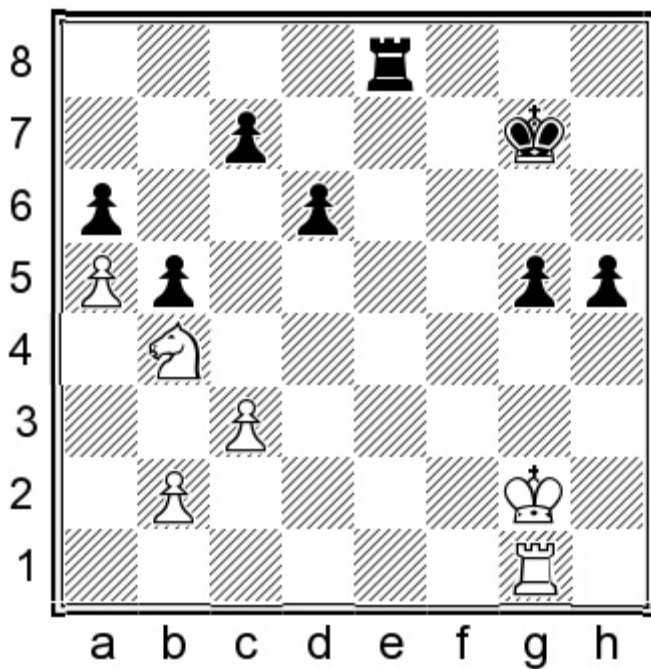
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32...♜f5!? 33.♘d3 c5=

33.♘d3 g5

33...c5 34.♘f4±

34.♘b4



34...♜e2+?

34...c5! 35.♘xa6 (35.♘d5 ♖g6) 35...♜a8 36.♘c7 ♜xa5 37.♘e8+ ♖g6 38.♘xd6 ♜a2 39.♜b1 b4 40.c4 b3! 41.♘e4 ♜a4 42.♘xc5 ♜xc4 43.♘xb3 h4=

35.♔h1!

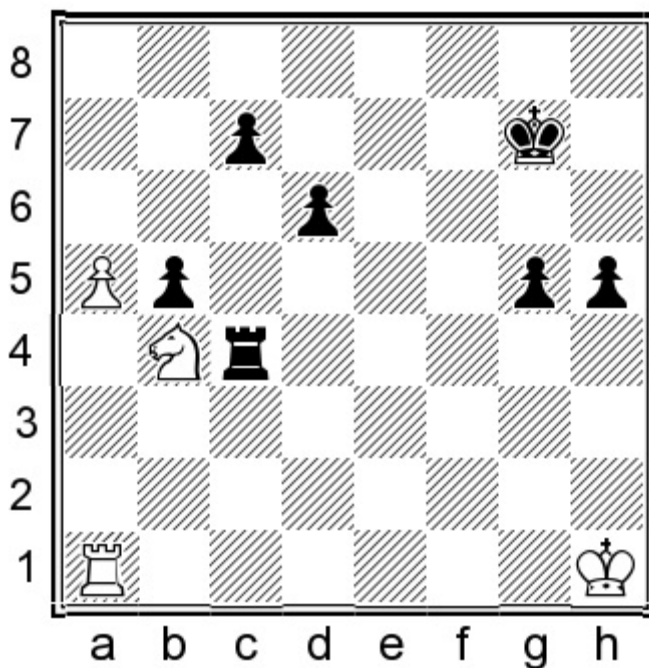
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35...♖xb2 36.♖a1!

36. ♖xa6 ♖a2 37. ♖xg5+ ♔f6 38. ♖xb5 c6 39. ♖xh5 ♔g6 40. ♖h3 ♖xa5 41. ♜b8

36...c5

36...♖b3 37.♞xa6 ♜xc3 38.♞b4 ♜c4



39.♔d3! (39.a6? ♖xb4 40.a7 ♖h4+ 41.♔g2 ♖g4+ 42.♔f3 ♖f4+ 43.♔e3 ♖f8 44.a8=♚ ♖xa8 45.♖xa8 ♔f6 46.♖b8 ♔e5 47.♖xb5+ c5 48.♖b8 d5∞; 39.♔d5? b4! 40.a6 b3 41.a7 b2 42.a8=♚ ♖c1+♚) 39...♖e4 40.a6 ♖e8 41.a7 ♖a8 42.♔b4 ♔f7 43.♔d5+-; 36...g4 37.♔xa6 h4 38.♔xc7 g3 39.a6 h3 40.a7 ♖h2+ 41.♔g1 ♖g2+ 42.♔f1 ♖f2+ 43.♔e1 ♖f8 44.♔e6++-

37.♘xa6 b4

37...♖c2 38.♘xc5+-

38. ♖xb4!

38.cxb4 cxb4 39.♘c7 b3 40.♘e6+! (40.a6 ♖a2) 40...♔f6 41.♘d4+-

38...cxb4 39.a6 bxc3 40.a7 c2 41.a8=♔ ♖b1+ 42.♔g2 c1=♔ 43.♖a7+ ♔f6 44.♔f8+ ♔e5 45.♖e7+ ♔d5

45...♔d4 46.♚f2+ ♔d3 47.♚f3+ ♔d4 48.♚e4++-

46. ♔f3+ ♕c5 47. ♜c7+ ♖b4 48. ♜b7+ ♕a5 49. ♜a7+ ♖b5 50. ♜b8+ 1-0

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙c5 6.c3 b5 7.♙c2 d5 8.a4 dxe4 9.axb5 ♙g4
10.bxc6 exf3 11.gxf3 ♙h3

11...♙e6 - 128/116

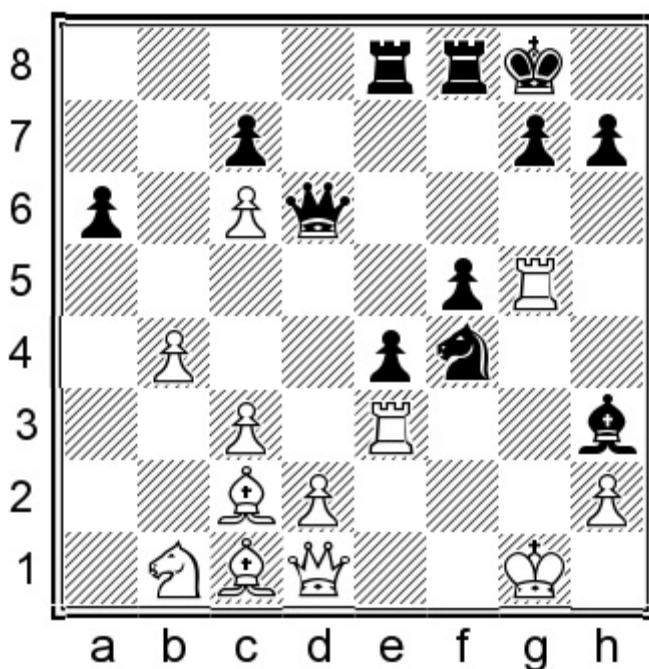
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24.dxe3 ♖f6 25.♔f2 ♖g6 26.♘d2 ♖g2+ 27.♔f3 ♘g6 28.e4 (28.♙xf5? ♘e5+ 29.♔e4 ♙xf5+ 30.♔xf5
♘d3-+) 28...f4 (28...♘e5+? 29.♔e3 f4+ 30.♔xf4 ♘g4 31.e5!+- - 148/122) 29.♖h1 ♔h6 (29...♔f6
30.♙b3 h5±) 30.♖xg2 ♘h4+ 31.♔xf4 ♘xg2+ 32.♔g3 ♖g8+ 33.♔f2 (33.♔xh3 ♘f4+ 34.♔h4 ♘g2+=)
33...♘f4 34.♔e3 ♖g1 (34...♘e6 35.♘f3±) 35.♘b3 ♖f1 36.♙d2±

18...♘xf4 19.♖g5?!

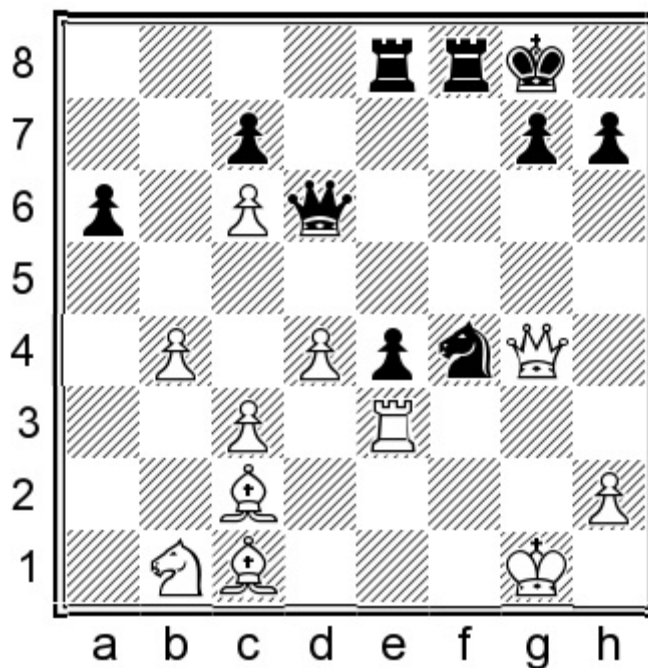
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♖xf4 23.♖xh3 ♖e2 24.♖f1 ♖g4+= 25.♔h1 (25.♖g3 ♖h4 26.♖h3 ♖g4+=) 25...♖e4+ 26.♖f3 ♖e1+
27.♔g2 ♖xb1∞

19...f5



20.♖gg3N

20.d4 - 149/(121) 20...♙g4 21.♖xg4 fxg4 22.♖xg4



22...d3? (22...Wf6! 23.gxe4 h5 24.Wf3 Bxe4! 25.Bxe4 (25.Wxe4 dxe2+!-) 25...Wg6+ 26.Kh1 d3+ 23.gxd3 exd3 24.Bxe8 Bxe8 25.gf4 Wxc6 26.ge5 Wh6 27.gf4 Wc6 28.ge5 Wh6 29.gf4 Wc6 1/2 (29) Vachier Lagrave,M (2760)-Caruana,F (2820) Bucuresti 149/(121) 2021

20...g4 21.Ke1?

21.Wf1 d5 22.d4 Kh8 23.Ke1 d3 24.hxg3

21...d5?

21...Wg6! 22.Wf1 (22.b5 d3+ 23.Bxh3 gxh3+ 24.Bg3 Wh6+) 22...d5 23.Bg2 f4 24.Wc4+ (24.Bxe4 Bxe4 25.gxe4 Wxe4 26.Bxg4 Wxb1+) 24...Kh8 25.Bxe4 f3+

22.d4

22.Bxg4! fxg4 23.b5 Wg6 24.gxe4 (24.g3 Bf4 25.bxa6 g3 26.hxg3 Bg4) 24...Bxe4 25.Bxe4 g3 26.Be6 Wg4

22...d3 23.Bxg3

23.hxg3

23...g3

23...h5!+

24.d2 f4?

24...Wxc6 25.Wf1 Wxc3 26.Wc4+ Wxc4 27.dxc4 f4 28.Bh3 (28.Bxf3 exf3 29.dxe5 g5) 28...g4 29.Bc3 e3

25.Bg5 Wf6 26.h4 h6

26...♔h8 27.♘xf3 exf3 28.♞e5 ♞xe5 29.dxe5 ♞e6

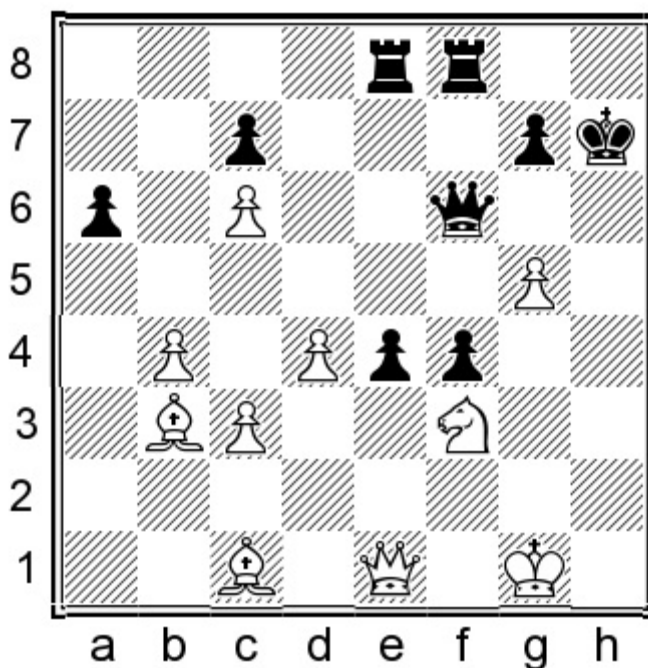
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28.♙b3+ ♔h7

28...♔h8 29.hxg5 ♞f5 30.♞h4+ ♞h7 31.♙c2! ♞xh4 32.♘h4+-

29.hxg5



29...♞f5?

29...♞xc6! 30.♘e5 (30.♙c2 ♞f5 31.♞h4+ ♔g8 32.♙b3+ ♔f8 33.♙a3 (33.♞h8+ ♔e7 34.♞xg7+ ♔d8∞) 33...♞d6∞) 30...♞xe5 31.dxe5 e3 32.♙c2+ (32.e6 ♔g6! 33.♙c2+ ♔xg5 34.♙xe3 fxe3 35.♞g3+ ♔f6 36.♞g6+ ♔e5 37.e7 ♞xg6+ 38.♙xg6 e2 39.exf8=♞ e1=♞+ 40.♔g2 ♞d2+ 41.♞f2 ♞xc3=) 32...♔g8 33.g6 (33.♞h4 ♔f7 34.g6+ ♔e8 35.♞g4∞) 33...♞e8 34.♙a3 ♞e6 35.♙b3 ♞e8 36.♞b1 ♔h8 37.♙xe6 ♞xe6∞

30.♞h4+- ♔g6 31.♙c2 ♞e6

31...a5 32.bxa5 ♞xa5 33.♞g4! ♞xc3 34.♙d2 ♞xc2 (34...♞xc6 35.♘h4+ ♔f7 36.♞f5+ ♔e7 37.♘g6+) 35.♘h4+ ♔h7 36.♞h5+ ♔g8 37.g6

32.c4 ♔f7 33.d5 ♞g6 34.♞xf4 ♞xf4 35.♙xf4 exf3 36.♙xg6+ ♔xg6 37.♙xc7 f2+ 38.♔f1 ♔f5 39.d6 ♔e4 40.d7 1-0

122. C78

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1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♙b3 ♙b7 7.♖e1 ♙c5 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♙b6 10.a4 O-O 11.♙g5 h6 12.♙h4 exd4 13.cxd4 g5 14.♘xg5!?

14.♙g3 ♖e8∞ - 99/232

14...hxg5 15.♙xg5 ♘xd4

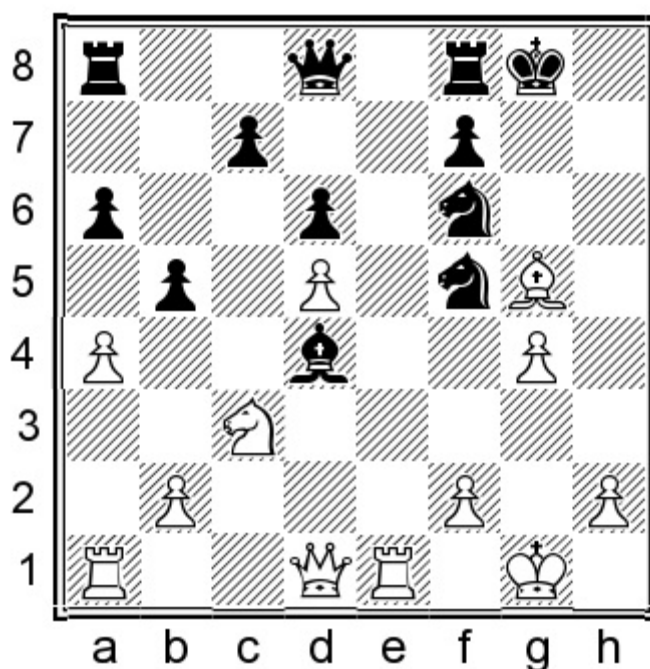
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16.♙d5 ♘e6 17.♙h4 ♙xd5 18.exd5 ♘g7 19.♘c3N

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19...♘f5 20.♙g5 ♙d4 21.♘e4

21.g4

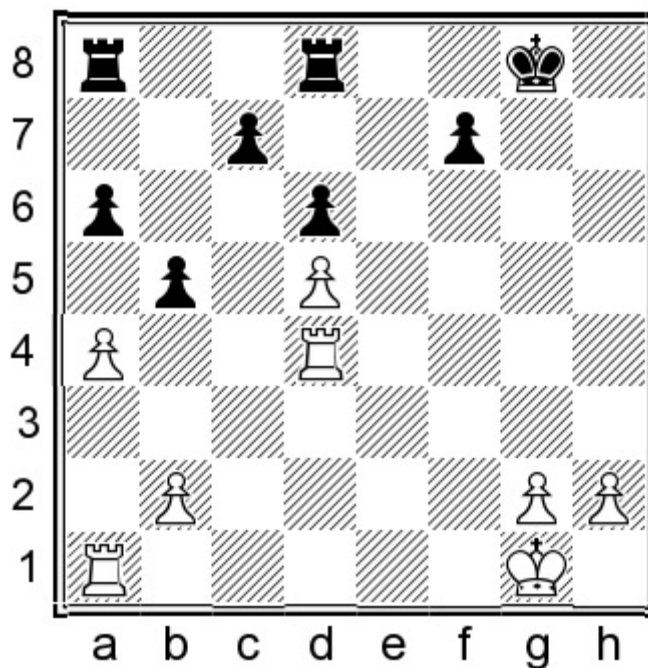


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21...♘xe4! 22.♙xd8 ♘xf2 23.♗d2

23.♗f3 ♘g4+ 24.♔h1 ♘f2+=

23...♘e4+ 24.♗xd4 ♘xd4 25.♖xe4 ♖fxd8 26.♖xd4



26...bxa4! 27.♞dxa4 ♞ab8 28.♞c1

28.♞1a2 ♞b5=; 28.♞g4+ ♔f8 29.♞xa6 ♞xb2 30.h4 ♞d2 31.♞a5 ♞e8=

28...♞xb2 29.♞xc7 ♞b1+ 30.♔f2 ♞b2+ 31.♔f3

31.♔g3 ♞e8 32.♞g4+ ♔f8 33.♞f4 (33.h4 ♞d2 34.♞g5 ♞e3+ 35.♔h2 ♞e5=) 33...♞e3+ 34.♔h4 ♞e7=

31...♞db8 32.♞g4+ ♔f8 33.♔g3 ♞8b3+ 34.♔h4 ♞b4 35.♞xb4 ♞xb4+ 36.♔g5 ♞b2 37.g4 ♞xh2

38.♞c6 ♔e7 39.♞xa6 ♞f2 40.♞a7+ ♔e8 41.♞a8+ 1/2-1/2

123. !N C78

Sethuraman, SP. (2644) - Erdos, Viktor (2614)

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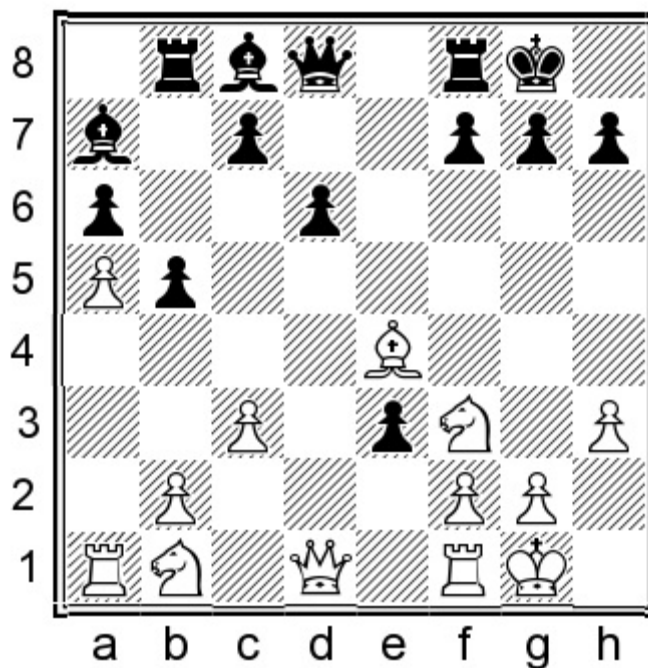
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12...exd4 - 145/110

13.♞d5 exd4 14.♞xc6

14.♞xe4 d5 15.♟xd4 (15.♞xh7+ ♔xh7 16.cxd4 ♞f5∞) 15...♟xd4 16.♞xd4 c5 17.♞xg7 ♔xg7 18.♞xd5 c4∞

14...dxe3 15.♞xe4



15...Re8!N

15...d5?! 16.♔xd5±

16.♔d3?!

16.♔c2! exf2+ (16...g6!? 17.fxe3 d5 18.♕d3 ♖xe3 19.♔h1 c5↑) 17.♔h1 ♔f6 18.♘bd2 g6 19.♘d4 ♔f4∞

16...exf2+

16...g6! 17.♘d4 (17.fxe3 ♕b7-+) 17...d5 18.♕f3 exf2+ 19.♔h1 (19.♖xf2 c5 20.♘e2 (20.♘c6 ♖e1+ 21.♖f1 c4+-+) 20...d4 21.cxd4 ♕f5 22.♔d2 cxd4-+) 19...♔d6⊖

17.♔h1 ♔f6

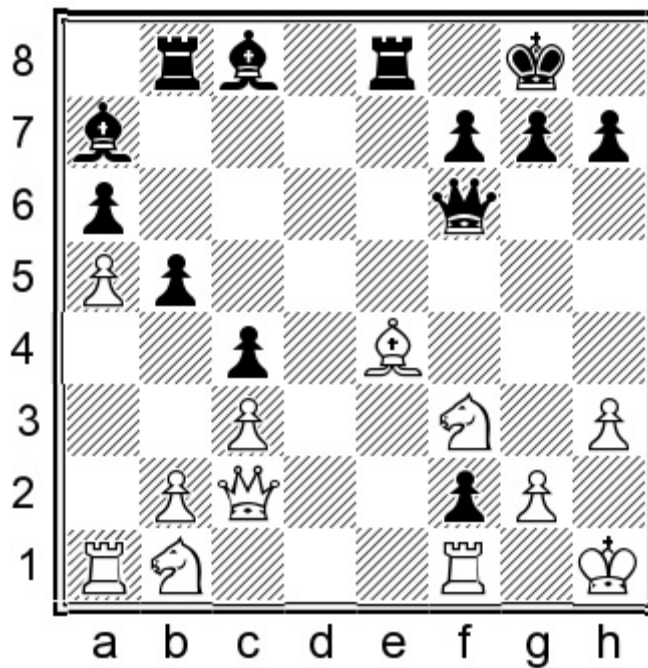
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18.♘d4

18.♘bd2

18...c5

18...d5!? 19.♕xd5 c6 20.♕xc6 (20.♕e4? c5 21.♘f3 c4 22.♔c2



22...♖b7!! 23.♙xb7 (23.♞xf2 ♞be7 24.♞e2 ♙xh3!-+) 23...♙xb7 24.♘bd2 ♞f4-+) 20...♞e1 21.♘d2
♙xd4 22.♞xd4 ♞xc6 23.♞xf2 ♞xf1+ 24.♞xf1 ♙e6∞

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28.♘xf2 ♞xd6) 25...♞e8 26.♔h2 ♞e1 27.♘d2 ♙xd4 28.cxd4 ♞e2 29.♞ad1 f5 30.♔g3 ♔e7) 23.♞xa7 ♙xg2+ 24.♔xg2 ♞g5+ 25.♔xf2 ♞f4+ 26.♔g2 ♞g5+=

22...d5 23.♘e7+ ♔f8 24.♘d5 ♞d6 25.♞xh7 ♙xd5 26.♞ad1?

26.♘e4 ♙xe4 27.♞h8+ ♔e7 28.♞h4+ g5 29.♞xe4+ ♞e6 30.♞f3∞

26...♞f4?

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27...♙c6 28.♘f3 ♙xf3

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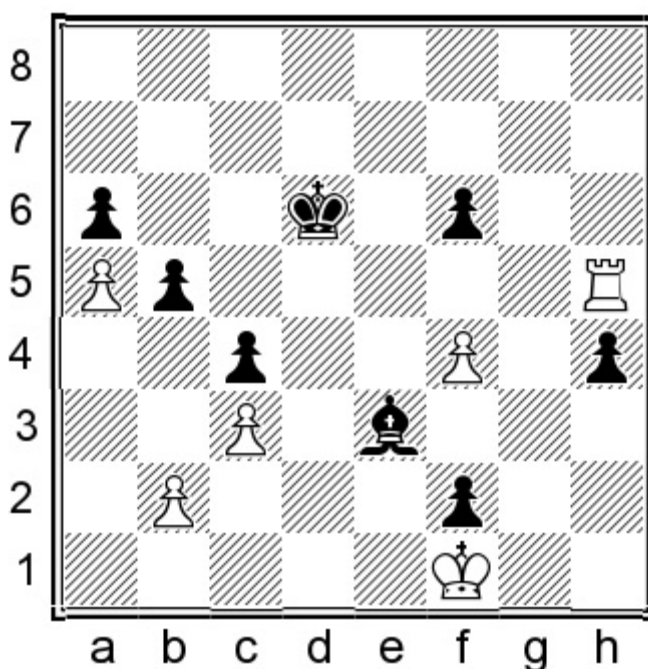
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♖xf1 38.♔xf1±

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40.♖d8 ♔e7 41.♖8d2 g5 42.♖f1 f6 43.♖d5 ♙e3 44.♖fd1 ♙a7 45.♖5d2 ♙c5 46.♖f1 ♙a7 47.♖d5 ♙e3
48.h4!?

48.♖fd1=

48...gxh4 49.♖h5 ♖xf1 50.♔xf1 ♔d6 51.f4??



51.♖h8 ♙c1 (51...h3 52.♖xh3 ♙c1 53.♔xf2 ♙xb2 54.f4 b4 55.cxb4 c3 56.♖d3+ ♔e6 57.♖e3+ ♔d5
58.♖e2 ♔c4 59.♔e1 ♔xb4 60.♔d1 ♔b3 61.f5=) 52.♖a8 h3 53.♖xa6+ ♔c5 54.♖xf6 h2 55.♖f5+ ♔c6
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59.♖xf2 b4=

51...♙xf4??

51...♙c1! 52.♖xh4 (52.♖h6 ♙xb2 53.♖xf6+ ♔d7 54.♖xa6 ♙xc3 55.♖b6 (55.♔xf2 b4-+) 55...♙d4
56.♖xb5 h3-+) 52...♙xb2 53.♖h3 (53.♔xf2 ♙xc3 54.♔e2 ♙xa5-+) 53...b4 54.cxb4 c3 55.♖d3+ ♔c6!
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52.♖f5?!

52.♔xf2 ♙c1 53.♔e2 ♙xb2 54.♔d2 ♙a3 55.♖xh4 ♔c6 56.♖h6 ♙e7 57.♖h7 ♙d8 (57...♙c5 58.♖f7=)
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52...♙e5 53.♔xf2??

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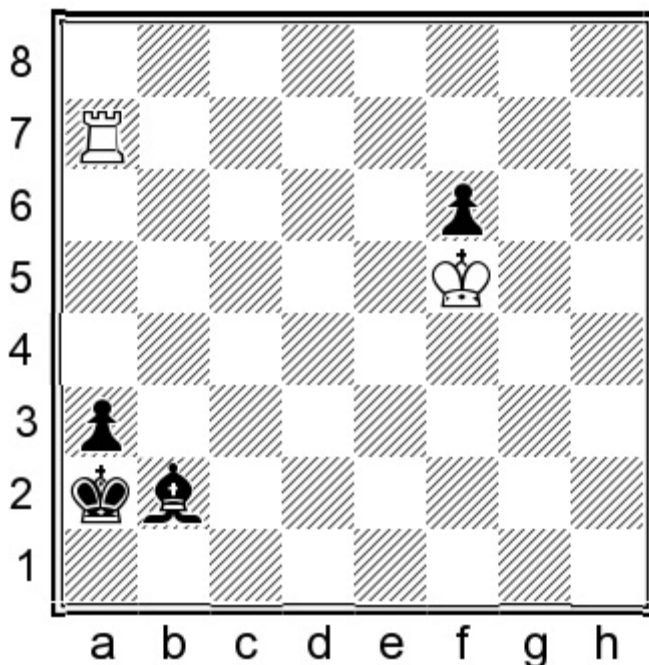
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59.♖c6 ♔b5 60.♖c8 ♔xa5 61.♖xc4 ♕xb2 62.♔xh2 ♔b5 63.♖c8 ♕e5+ 64.♔g2 a5 65.♔f3 a4 66.♖a8 ♔b4 67.♖a7?

67.♔e4 a3 68.♖a6! ♔b3 (68...♕b2 69.♔f5=) 69.♖b6+ ♔c2 70.♖a6 ♕b2 71.♔f5 ♔b3 72.♖b6+ ♔a2 73.♖a6 ♕e5 (73...♕c3 74.♔e4 ♔b3 75.♔d3=) 74.♔e4 ♔b2 75.♖b6+ ♔a1 (75...♔c2 76.♖a6=) 76.♔d3 ♕b2 77.♔c2=

67...a3 68.♔e4 ♔b3 69.♖b7+ ♔c2! 70.♖a7 ♕b2 71.♔f5 ♔b3 72.♖b7+ ♔a2 73.♖a7



73...♕d4?

73...♕c3!! 74.♔e4 (74.♖b7 ♕e5 75.♖a7 ♔b2 76.♖b7+ ♔a1-+) 74...♔b3 75.♔d3 ♕b4-+

74.♖d7?

74.♖a6 ♔b2 (74...♕e5 75.♔e4=) 75.♔e4=

74...♕e5 75.♔e4

75.♖b7 ♔a1-+

75...♔b1 76.♖b7+ ♕b2 0-1

124. C83

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2760) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2627)
Bucuresti 149/124, 2021

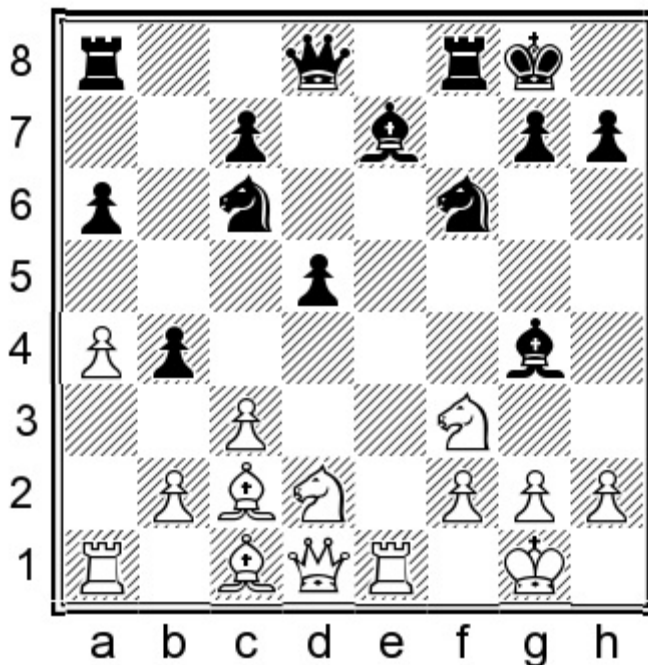
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10.c3 O-O 11.♙c2 f5 12.exf6 ♘xf6 13.a4

13.♘b3 ♙g4 14.♚d3 ♘e4 - 87/(314)

13...b4 14.♞e1

14.♚e2 ♚d7 15.♞e1 ♙g4 16.h3 ♙h5 17.♚e6+ ♚xe6 18.♞xe6 ♙d6 19.a5 ♘d7=; 14.♘d4 ♘xd4
15.cxd4 ♙d6 16.h3 ♘h8 17.♘f3 ♘e4±; 14.h3 ♚d7 15.♞e1 bxc3 16.bxc3 ♙f5 17.♙b3 ♙c5 18.♘f1
(18.♙a3 ♙xa3 19.♞xa3 ♘h8∞) 18...♘a5 19.♘e5 ♚d6 20.♙a2 ♞ae8 21.♙f4 ♘c4±; 14.a5 ♙g4 15.h3
♙h5 16.♞e1 ♙d6 17.♙f5 ♘h8 18.♚c2 ♘e7 19.♙d3 ♘g6 (19...c5 20.c4 d4 21.♘g5 ♚d7 22.♘de4 ♘xe4
23.♙xe4 ♙g6 24.♙d2∞) 20.♘d4 bxc3 (20...c5 21.♘e6 ♚e7 22.♞e3∞) 21.♘2f3 ♘e4 22.♙xe4 (22.bxc3
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♚d7 17.♘bd4 ♙d6 (17...♘xd4 18.cxd4±) 18.♙g5 ♘xd4 19.♘xd4 (19.cxd4? ♙xf3 20.♚xf3 ♙xh2+!
21.♘h1 ♘e4±) 19...♘e4 20.♙e3 (20.♙h4 g6 21.f3 ♘c5∞) 20...♙h5 21.f3 ♘f6± Δ Bg6

14...♙g4



14...♚d7 15.♘f1 ♙g4 16.h3! (16.♘e3 ♙xf3 17.♚xf3 bxc3 18.bxc3 ♙c5 19.♘f5 ♘e4 20.♞xe4 ♚xf5
21.♚xf5 ♞xf5 22.♞f4 ♞e8=) 16...♙xf3 17.♚xf3 ♙d6 18.♙f5 ♚d8 19.♙g5 ♘e7 20.♘e3↑

15.♘f1N

15.h3 ♙h5 16.♘f1 (16.♙f5 ♙d6 17.g4 ♙g6 18.♙xg6 hxg6 19.♚c2 ♚d7!? 20.♚xg6 ♘e7 21.♚c2 ♘xg4
22.♘g5 ♘f6∞) 16...♙c5 17.♙e3 ♙xe3 (17...d4 18.cxd4 ♘xd4 19.g4 ♘xf3+ 20.♚xf3 ♙xe3 21.♚xe3
♘d5 22.♚g3 ♙f7 23.♞e5! Δc6 24.♘e3 g6 25.♘xd5 ♙xd5 26.♙b3 ♙xb3 27.♚xb3+ ♞f7 28.♞ae1 ♚d4
29.♞1e2±) 18.♞xe3 d4 19.♞d3 ♚d6 (19...bxc3 20.bxc3 ♘e5 21.♞xd4 ♘xf3+ 22.gxf3 ♚e7 23.♘g3 c5

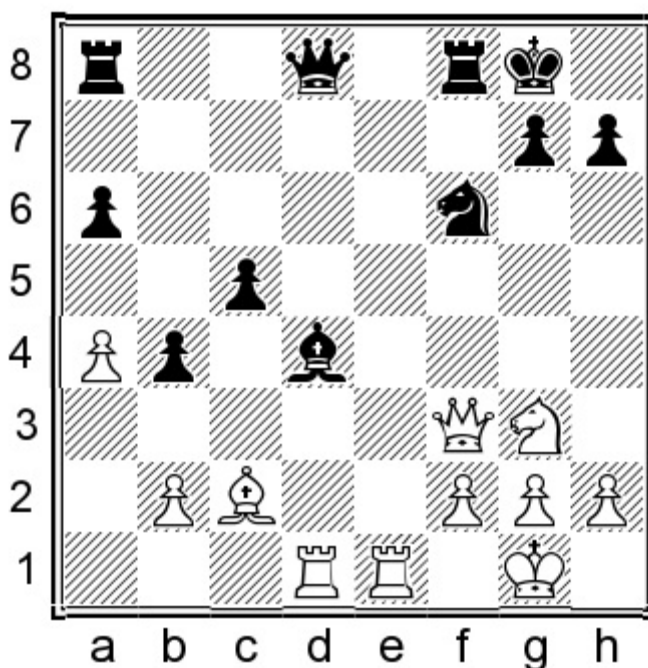
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24.♞d4 ♞c5 25.♞xb4 ♞a7 26.♞d2 c5 27.♖f4 ♜g6↗

15...♙c5 16.♙e3 d4!?

16...♞d6 17.♙xc5 ♞xc5 18.h3 ♙xf3 19.♞xf3 ♞ae8 20.♞d3 (20.♞xe8 ♞xe8 21.♞d1 d4=) 20...♜e4
21.♜e3 (21.♞e3 ♞d6 22.♜d2 ♜xf2 23.♞xe8 ♜xh3+! 24.gxh3 ♞g3+=) 21...bxc3 22.bxc3 ♞xf2
23.♙b3 ♜xc3! 24.♞ac1 (24.♔xf2? ♜b4-+) 24...♞e2! 25.♞xc3 ♞xc3 26.♙xd5+ ♔h8 27.♞xc3 ♞xe1+
28.♔f2 ♜b4 29.♙f7 ♞e7 30.♔xe1 ♞xf7 31.♔e2 ♞Rc4=; 16...♙e3 17.♜xe3 ♙h5 18.♙b3 ♜e7!?
19.cxb4 ♞b8 20.♜c2 (20.b5 axb5 21.a5 ♔h8↗) 20...♜c6 21.b5 ♞d6! 22.♞d3 axb5 23.a5 ♔h8 24.a6
♞a8∞

17.cxd4 ♜xd4 18.♙xd4 ♙xf3 19.♞xf3 ♞xd4

19...♙xd4 20.♞ad1 c5 21.♜g3



21...♞c7! 22.♞e6 (22.♜f5 ♙e5 23.♞b3+ ♔h8 24.♞h3 ♞fe8 25.b3 ♙c3=) 22...♞ae8 23.♞xe8 ♞xe8
24.b3 ♔h8 25.♙d3 ♞f8!? (25...a5 26.♜e2) 26.♙xa6 ♜d7 27.♞b7 ♙xf2+ 28.♔h1 ♞xb7 29.♙xb7 ♜f6
30.a5 c4! 31.bxc4 ♞e8 32.♜f1 (32.a6 ♙a7 33.♙f3 g6 34.♞b1 ♞e6 35.h4 ♞xa6 36.♞xb4 ♞a3 37.♜e2
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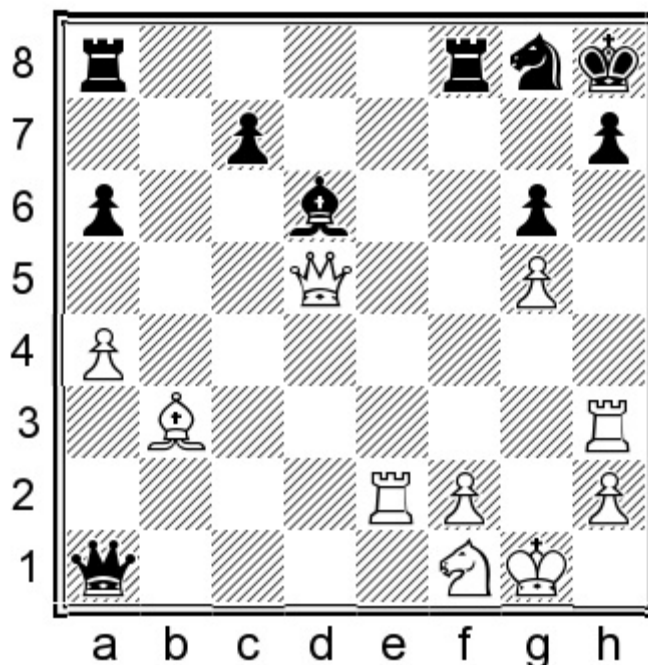
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♙xe1 27.♞xe1 ♞f2 28.♞c1±) 23.♜h2 ♙b6 24.♜f3 ♞ae8 25.♞c4 a5 26.♞xe8 ♞xe8 (26...♞xe8 27.♔f1)
27.♞e1 ♞f7 28.♞xf7 ♞xf7 29.g3 g6 30.♔g2 ♞d7

21.♞e2 ♞c3 22.♞d3 ♞a1 23.♞d1 ♞c3 24.♞d3 ♞a1 25.g4!↑ b3

25...♔h8 26.♞f5! b3 27.♞xb3 ♞d4 28.♞h3±

26.♙xb3+ ♔h8 27.g5 ♘g8 28.♚d5 ♙d6 29.♖h3 g6



30.♚d3?

30.♚e6! ♚g7 31.♘g3 ♙f4 (31...♖ab8? 32.♙c2! ♘e7 (32...♙f4 33.♚xg6+-) 33.♘e4! ♖b6 34.♘f6! ♙xh2+ 35.♖xh2 ♖xe6 36.♖xe6+-) 32.♚g4 (32.♘e4!? ♖ae8 33.♚xa6 ♚d7 34.♚d3 ♚xd3 35.♖xd3 ♙xg5 36.♙f1±) 32...♖ab8 33.♘e4 (33.♙c2!? ♖b4 34.♖e4 c5 35.♘e2 ♖xe4 36.♙xe4 ♙b8 37.♖f3±) 33...♖f5 34.♙f1!? ♚d4 (34...♖bf8 35.♙xg8 ♙xg8 36.♘f6+ ♖8xf6 37.gxf6 ♚xf6 38.♚h4 ♚xh4 39.♖xh4±) 35.♙g2! ♙xg5 36.♚g3 ♙f4 37.♚xg6 ♚g7 38.♚xg7+ ♙xg7 39.♙c2 ♖e5 40.♖h4 ♙h6 (40...♖f8 41.♙d3 ♘e7 42.♖c2 ♘d5 43.♘g3 h6 44.♙xa6±) 41.♙d3 ♘e7 42.♘c5 ♖xe2 43.♙xe2 ♘g6 44.♘e6+ ♙f6 45.♖xh6 ♙xe6 46.♙xa6 ♖b4 47.♙b5 ♙d5 48.♖h5+ ♘e5 49.♙e8±

30...♖f5! 31.♚c3+

31.♚d2 ♖af8 32.♙g2 ♙f4 33.♚c3+ ♚xc3 34.♖xc3 ♖xg5+ 35.♘g3 ♘f6 36.♖f3 ♙d6 37.♖e6 ♙g7+

31...♚xc3 32.♖xc3 ♖xg5+ 33.♘g3 ♘f6 34.♙f1

34.h4 ♖g4 35.♖c4 ♖b8 36.♖xg4 ♘xg4 37.♙c2 ♙g7 38.♘e4 ♘e5 39.♙g2 ♖b4 40.♖d2 ♖b2+

34...♖b8

34...♖g4 35.f3 ♖b4 36.♘e4 ♘xe4 37.fxe4 ♖e8+

35.h3 ♖e5 36.♙c4 ♖c5 37.♖cc2 ♖a5+ 38.♘e4 ♘xe4 39.♖xe4 ♖xa4 40.h4 ♙g7 41.h5 gxh5 42.♖e1 ♖bb4-+ 43.♙e2 ♖h4 44.♙f3 a5 0-1

125. ** C83

Shankland, Samuel L (2709) - Areshchenko, Alexander (2687)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/125, 2021

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10.c3 O-O 11.♘bd2 ♙g4 12.h3!?

12.♖e1 ♘xe5 13.♘xe4 ♙xf3 14.♚xd5 (14.gxf3 dxe4 15.fxe4 ♘d3 16.♖e2 ♚d6∞) 14...♚xd5 15.♙xd5
♖ad8 16.♙b7 ♙xe4 (16...f5 17.♘c5 ♙xb7 18.♘xb7 ♖d5∞) 17.♙xe4 ♘c4N (17...f5 18.♙c2 ♘d3
19.♖e2 c5 20.a4 c4 21.axb5 axb5 22.♙xd3 ♖xd3=) 18.a4 (18.♙b7 ♘xe3 19.♖xe3 ♙c5 20.♖e5 ♙b6
21.♖e2 a5=) 18...♘xe3 19.♖xe3 ♙c5 20.♖e2 b4= Svidler,P (2714)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) Saint
Louis (blitz) 149/(125) 2021; 12.♘xe4 - 86/(350)

12...♙h5

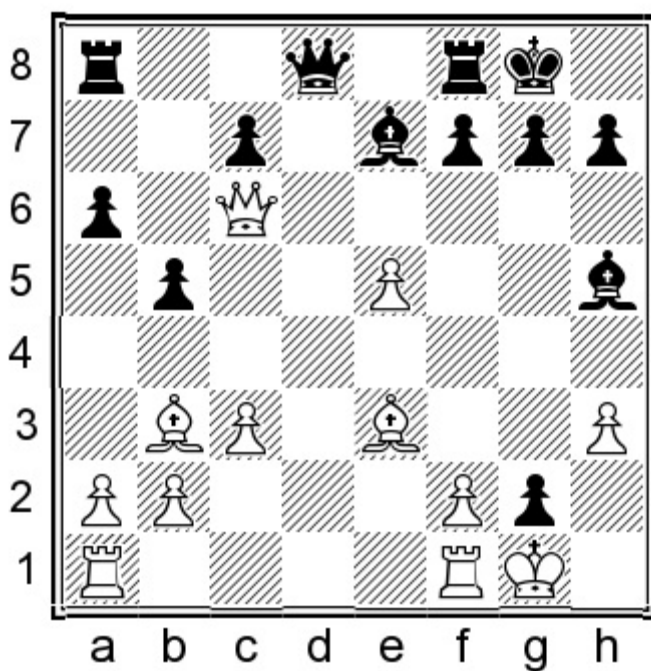
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♖ac8 20.g5N (20.b3 ♘b6 21.♘d4 ♘d5 22.c4 bxc4 23.bxc4 ♙b4! (23...♘b4 24.♘f5 ♙f8 25.♙g5 ♘xa2
26.♙xd8 ♖xd8 27.♙xc6±) 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.♙c2 ♙c3! (25...♙xe1 26.♙xe1±) 26.♙g5 ♙xd4 27.♙f5=)
20...g6 21.g3∞ Caruana,F (2806)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) Saint Louis (blitz) 149/(125) 2021

13.♘xe4N

13.g4 ♙g6 14.♖e1 ♘c5 15.♙c2 ♘e6 16.♘b3 (16.♙f5 d4 17.cxd4 ♘cxd4 18.♘d4 ♘d4 19.♙xg6
fxg6∞) 16...♙xc2 17.♚xc2 ♚d7∞

13...dxe4 14.♚d5 ♚xd5

♙14...exf3 15.♚xc6 fxg2



16.♖fe1! (16.♚xg2 ♚d3∞; 16.♙xg2 ♚d3 17.♚xc7 ♖ac8∞) 16...♚d3 17.♙d5 ♚f5 18.♙xg2 ♙g5
19.a4±

15.♙xd5 exf3 16.♙xc6 fxg2 17.♖fc1! ♖ab8 18.b4 f6

18...♙e2 19.a4 bxa4 20.♖xa4 ♙b5 21.♙xb5 axb5 22.♖a7 f6 (22...♖fc8 23.♖d1 ♙f8 24.♖d7±) 23.exf6

♙xf6 24.♖xc7 ♜fc8 25.♜c5±

19.e6 f5?

19...♜fd8 20.♙xg2±

20.♜e1

20.♙c5! ♙xc5 21.bxc5 ♜be8 (21...♙e8 22.♙d5 ♔h8 23.e7 ♜f6 24.♜d1+-; 21...f4 22.♜e1 ♜f6 (22...♜f5 23.e7 ♙e8 24.♜ad1+-) 23.♜e5 ♙e8 24.♙d5+-) 22.♙xe8 ♜xe8 23.♜e1 ♙f3 24.a4 c6 25.axb5 axb5 26.♜a7+-

20...f4

20...♙e8 21.♙f3 ♜d8 22.♙c5 ♙xc5 23.bxc5 ♜d3 24.e7 ♜f6 25.♙d1±

21.♙a7

21.♙c5! ♙xc5 22.bxc5+-

21...♜bd8 22.♔xg2?

22.♙c5 ♙xc5 23.bxc5 ♙e8 24.e7 ♙xc6 25.exd8=♚ ♜xd8 26.♜ad1+-

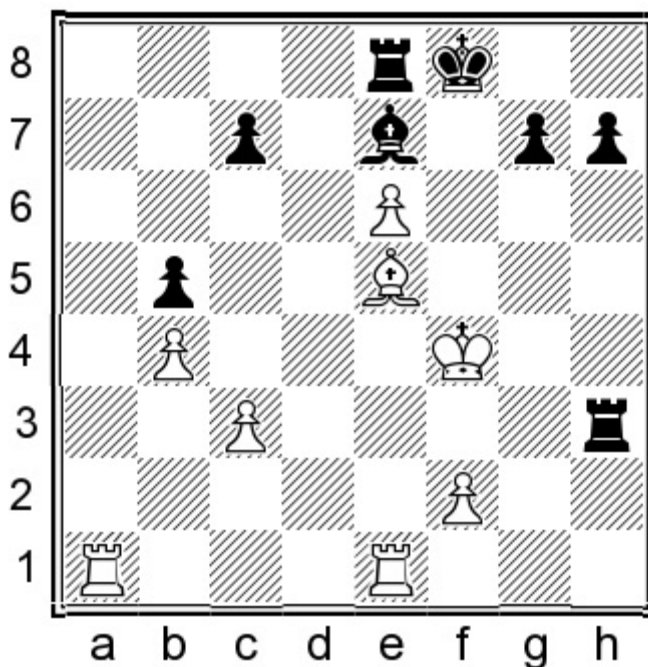
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27.♔f3 ♜h5 28.♔xf4

28.♜e5 ♜xh3+ 29.♔g2 ♜h6 30.♜xb5 ♜xe6 31.♜f5+ ♔g8 32.♜xf4 ♙d6=

28...♜xh3 29.♙e5



29.♔e4 ♕d6 30.♔d5 ♖h5+ 31.♔c6 ♖h6 32.♔xb5 ♖hx6 33.♖xe6 (33.♖h1 h6=) 33...♖xe6=

29...♕d6!= 30.♕xd6+ cxd6 31.♖a5

31.f3 ♖h4+ 32.♔g3 ♖h6 33.♖a5 ♖hx6 34.♖xe6 ♖xe6 35.♖xb5 ♖e3

31...♖xc3 32.♖xb5 ♖c4+ 33.♔g3 ♔e7 34.♖b7+ ♔f6 35.b5 ♖e7 36.♖d7 ♖b4 37.♖xd6 ♖xb5 38.f4 ♖b3+ 39.♔f2 g6 40.♖e5 h6 41.♖a5 ♖c7 42.♖a2 ♖e7 43.♖a5 ♖c7 44.♖a2 ♔f5 45.e7 ♖xe7 46.♖a5+ ♔xf4 47.♖f6+ ♔e4 48.♖xg6 ♖f7+ 49.♔g2 ♖b2+ 50.♔h3 ♖f3+ 51.♖g3 1/2-1/2

126. !N C84

Ivic, Velimir (2582) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/126, 2021

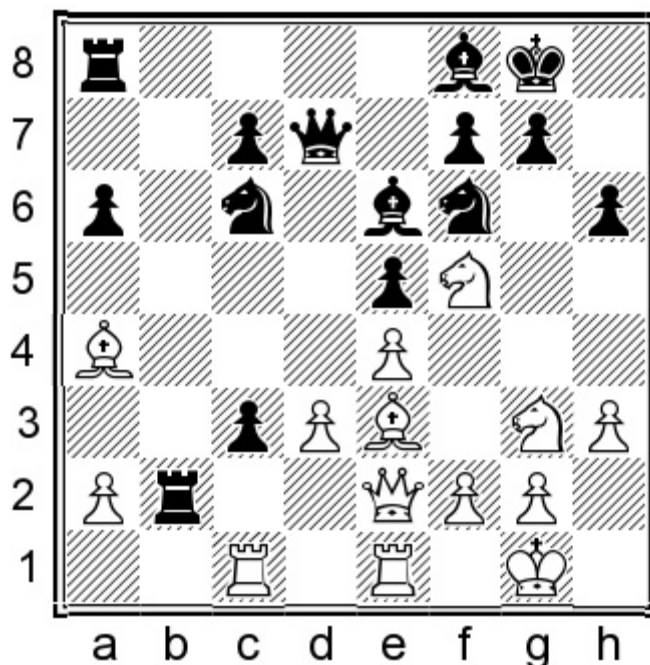
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13.d4 - 103/(232)

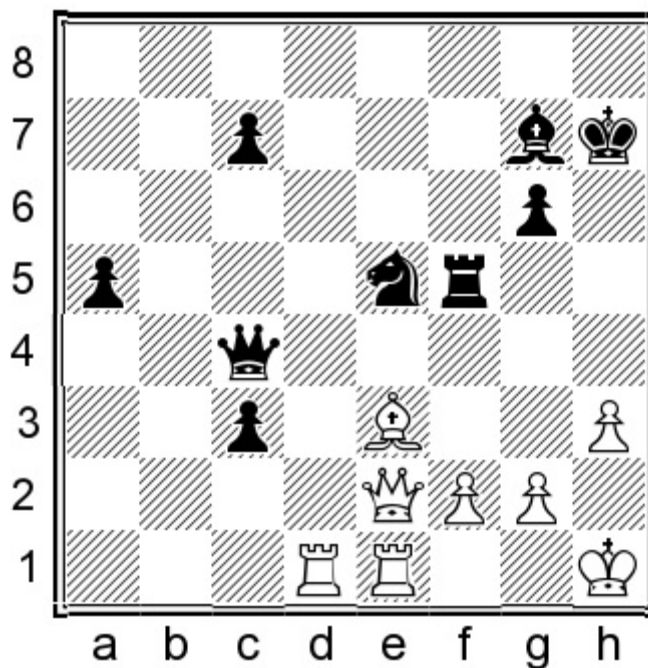
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15.♖d1; 15.a4

15...d4 16.♘hf5 dxc3 17.bxc3 b4 18.♕a4! bxc3 19.♕e3 ♖eb8 20.♖ac1 ♖b2



21.♖f3! ♖xa2 22.♕xc6 ♖xc6 23.♘xh6+ ♔h7 24.♘hf5 g6 25.♕g5!⊕ ♘d7⊕ 26.d4! [Δ d5] 26...exd4 27.♘xd4 ♖c4 28.♘gf5! ♕xf5 29.exf5 ♖xd4 30.fxg6+ fxg6 31.♖f7+ ♕g7 32.♖xa2 ♘e5 33.♖cd1 ♖b4 34.♖c2 ♖f8 35.♕e3 ♖f5 36.♖e2 a5 37.♔h1 ♖c4



38.♔d4??

38.♖d4±

38...c2! 39.♖c1 ♔xd4 40.♖xc2 ♘d3 41.♖f1 c5 42.f3 c4 43.♔e6 0-1

127. C88

Bacrot, Etienne (2678) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/127, 2021

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10.♘c3 ♘a5 11.♙a2 b4 12.♘e2 c5 13.♘g3 ♙c8! Δ Be6

10...♔d7

10...b4 11.a5 ♖b8 12.c3 d5!? (12...♙c8!?) 13.exd5 ♘xd5 14.♘xe5 ♘xe5 15.♖xe5 ♙f6 16.♖e1 ♔d6
17.d4 ♖be8

11.♘c3 ♘a5 12.♙a2 c5

12...b4 - 8/254

13.♘e2 ♘c6 14.♘g3 d5

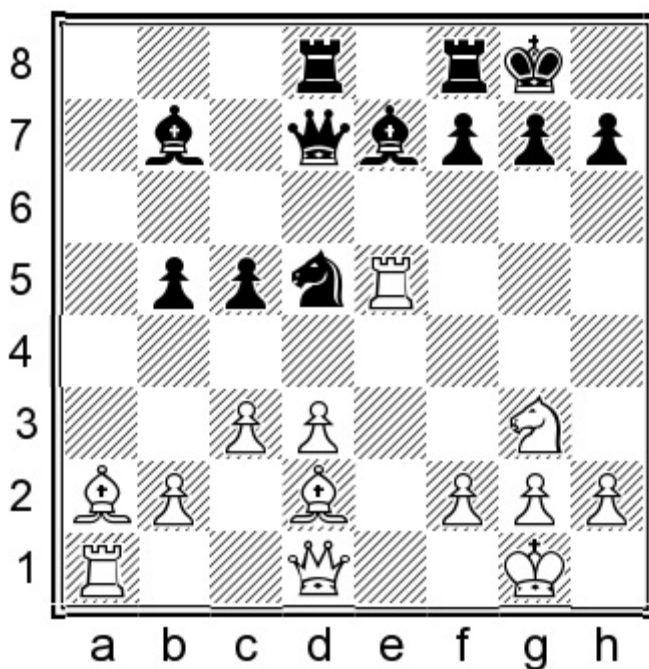
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15.exd5 ♘xd5 16.c3N

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gxh5 20.♙xd5 ♙g7 21.♙xb7 ♖xb7 22.♔f3 ♔c6 23.♙c3 f6; 16.c4 ♘c7 17.♙c3 b4 18.♘xe5 ♘xe5
19.♙xe5 ♖c6 20.f3 g6 21.d4 cxd4 22.c5 ♖ad8 23.♘e4 d3 24.♔d2 a5 25.♖ac1 ♘e8 26.♙b3 ♖a6

27.♟f2 ♕d5 28.♕d1 ♖c6 29.♜g4 h5 30.♟f2 ♕e6 31.♜xd3 ♜g7 32.♞h6 f6 33.♕d6 ♕xd6 34.cxd6 ♞b6+=

16...♞ad8! 17.axb5 axb5 18.♜xe5 ♜xe5 19.♞xe5



19...♕d6! 20.♞e1

20.♞xd5? ♕xd5 21.♕xd5 ♕xg3

20...♜f4 21.♕xf4 ♕xf4 22.♜e4

22.♞h5 ♕xg3 (22...♞xd3? 23.♕b1 g6 24.♕xd3 gxh5 25.♕xb5 h4 26.♜e4+-; 22...♞c6 23.♜e4 ♞xd3 24.♞xc5±) 23.hxg3 ♞c6 24.f3 ♞xd3 25.♞ad1 g6 26.♞h6 ♞xd1 27.♞xd1 c4∞

22...♞c7 23.g3 ♕e5 24.f4

24.♞h5 g6 25.♞h6 ♕xe4!? (25...♕g7 26.♞g5 ♕xe4 27.dxe4 b4 28.♞ac1 bxc3 29.bxc3 c4 30.♞b5 ♞b8 31.♞xc4 ♞xc4 32.♕xc4 ♞fc8 33.♕a2 ♞xc3±) 26.dxe4 c4 27.♞ad1 b4∞

24...♕d6 25.♞h5 ♞c6

25...c4! 26.d4 ♞c6 27.f5 ♞a8! 28.d5 (28.f6 ♞fe8! 29.♞g5 g6-+) 28...♞b6+ 29.♞f1 ♕e7 30.d6 ♕d8-+

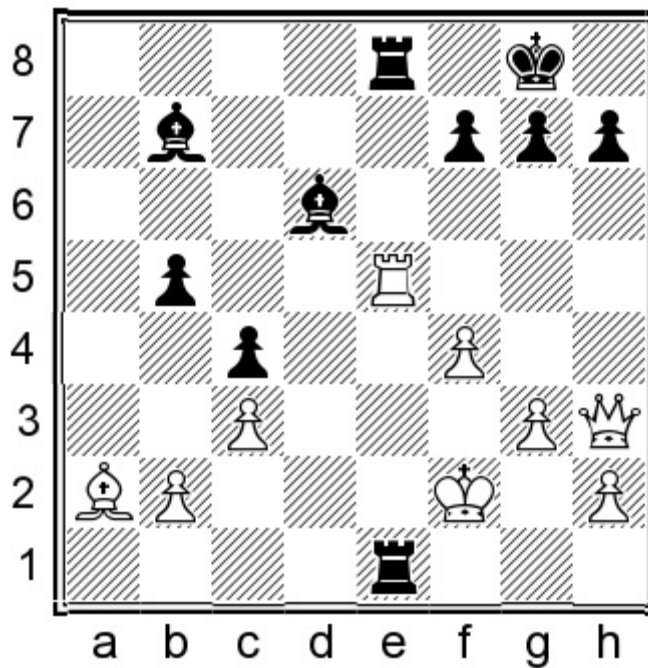
26.♞h3

26.f5 c4 27.f6 ♞fe8 28.fxg7 ♕e5↑; 26.c4 b4 27.♕b3∞

26...c4 27.d4 ♞de8

27...♞fe8? 28.♕b1∞; 27...f5! 28.♜g5 h6 29.♜e6 ♞de8 30.♜xf8 ♞h1+ 31.♞f2 ♞f3+ 32.♞g1 ♞xe1+ 33.♞xe1 ♕xf4!-+

28.d5 ♞xd5 29.♞ad1 ♞xe4! 30.♞xd5 ♞xe1+ 31.♞f2 ♞fe8 32.♞e5



32.♖d2 ♜c5+-+

32...♜xe5?!

32...♞1xe5! 33.fxe5 ♜c5+ 34.♞f1 ♜e4! 35.♞d7 ♞xe5 36.♞xb5 (36.♞c8+ ♜f8-- ×Ba2) 36...♞f5+ 37.♞e2 ♜f3+ 38.♞e1 ♜f2+-+

33.♞xe1 ♜xc3+ 34.♞f1 ♜c8!

34...♜xb2? 35.♞d7+-

35.♞g2?

35.g4! ♜xb2 36.♞g2 ♜f6 37.♞c6 ♞d8 38.g5 ♜d7 (38...♜e7 39.♞xb5) 39.♞c7 ♜e7 40.♞f2∞

35...♜f5

35...♞d8! 36.bxc3 (36.♞c6 ♜d7 37.♞c7 ♜h3+ 38.♞f2 ♜d4+ 39.♞f3 ♞e8 40.f5 h5-+) 36...♞d1+ 37.♞e2 ♜g4+ 38.♞e3 ♞d3+ 39.♞e4 ♜f3+! 40.♞xf3 f5+!-+

36.♞d5

36.bxc3 ♜d3+ 37.♞g1 ♞e1+ 38.♞f2 ♞e2+-+

36...♜e6 37.♞c5!

37.♞xb5? ♜h3+ 38.♞f2 ♜d4+ 39.♞f3 ♞e3+ 40.♞f2 ♞b3+-+

37...♜xb2 38.♞g2 ♜d7 39.♞d5?

39.♞c7! ♜f5 (39...♜g4 40.h3 ♜f5 41.♞b6 ♜d7 42.♞c7=) 40.♞b6 ♜e4+ 41.♞h3 c3 42.♞xb5 ♞d8 43.♜b3∞

39...♖d8! 40.♚c5

40.g4! ♕f6 41.♔g3 g6 42.♚c5 (42.g5 ♕f5 43.♚xb5 ♖d3+-) 42...♕e6±

40...♕f6 41.♕b1 g6 42.g4 ♕xg4 43.♚xb5 c3 44.f5 g5 0-1

128. C88

Svidler, Peter (2714) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2655)

Saint Louis 149/128, 2021

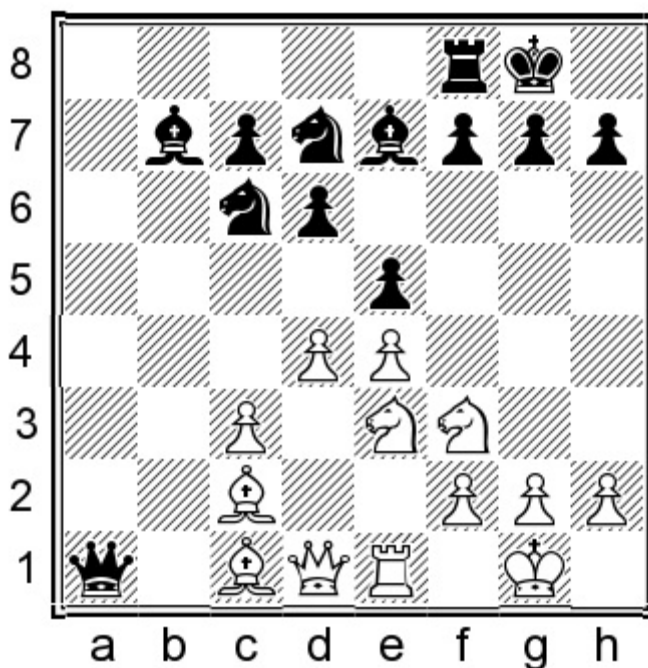
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♕b5 a6 4.♕a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♕e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♕b3 O-O 8.a4 ♕b7 9.d3 d6
10.♘bd2 ♘d7 11.c3 ♘c5 12.axb5 axb5 13.♖xa8 ♚xa8

13...♕xa8 14.♕c2 ♘e6 15.♘f1 ♘g5 16.♘e3 ♘xf3+ 17.♚xf3 ♕g5 18.b4 ♕b7 19.♕b3±

14.♕c2 b4 15.d4 bxc3 16.bxc3 ♘d7 17.♘f1 ♚a1

17...♖e8 - 121/113

18.♘e3!



18...♚xc3?N

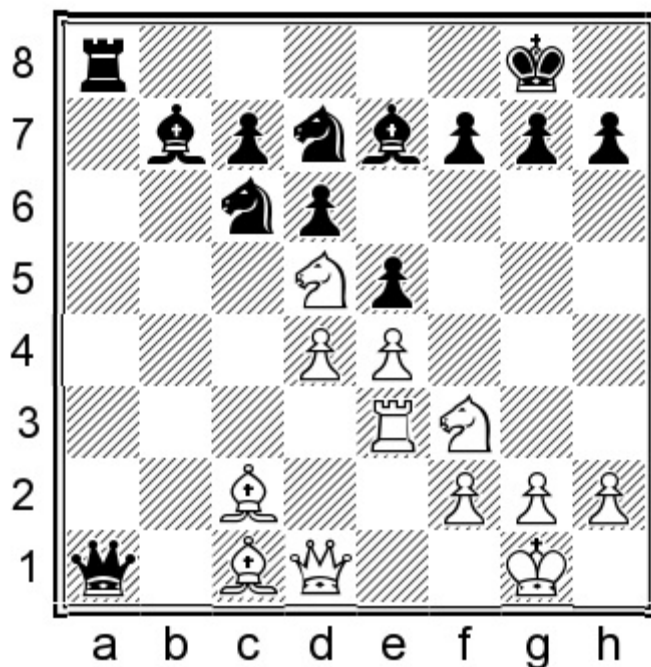
18...♕f6 19.d5 (19.♘d5 exd4 20.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 21.cxd4 ♘b4↗) 19...♘cb8 (19...♘e7 20.c4 ♖a8 21.♚e2±) 20.c4 ♘c5 21.♚e2±

19.♘d5 ♚a1 20.♖e3

20.♕a4! ♕f6 21.♖e3 ♕a8 (21...♖a8 22.♖a3 ♚b1 (22...♖xa4 23.♖xa4+-) 23.♘d2+-; 21...♘xd4 22.♕xd7+-) 22.♘xc7 exd4 23.♖a3 ♚b1 24.♕b3 ♚xe4 25.♕c2 ♚e7 26.♘xa8+-

20...♚a7?

20...♖a8



21.♖b3! ♕a7 (21...♙c8 22.♖c3+-) 22.dxe5 ♘c5 (22...♘dxe5 23.♘xe5 dxe5 24.♙e3 ♖b8 25.♖b1+-) 23.♙e3 ♙d8 24.♖b1+-; 20...♖a8 21.dxe5! (21.♙a4 ♙d8 22.♖a3 ♖c8∞) 21...♘dxe5 22.♘d4 ♙d8 23.♘f5±

21.♙a4 ♙d8 22.♖a3 ♖a6

22...♖b8 23.♖c2!+-

23.♙c2 ♘a5

23...♖b5 24.♙d3+-

24.♙d2 c6 25.♘e3 ♖b5 26.♙xa5 ♙xa5 27.♙d3 ♖b6

27...♖b4 28.♖b3+-

28.♘c4 ♖b4 29.♖b3 ♖a4 30.♘b2 ♖a2 31.♖xb7 ♘b6 32.♖b1 ♖xb1+ 33.♙xb1 exd4 34.♘xd4 ♙c3 35.♘xc6 1-0

129. C91

Aronian, Levon (2781) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)

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1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♙b3 O-O 8.d4

8.c3 - 146/122

8...d6 9.c3 ♙g4 10.♙e3

10.d5 ♘a5 11.♙c2 - 141/120

10...exd4

10...♞xe4? 11.♙d5 ♚d7 12.♙xe4 d5 13.♙c2 e4 14.♞bd2 exf3 15.♞xf3±; 10...♞a5 - 51/351; 10...♙h5 - 139/134

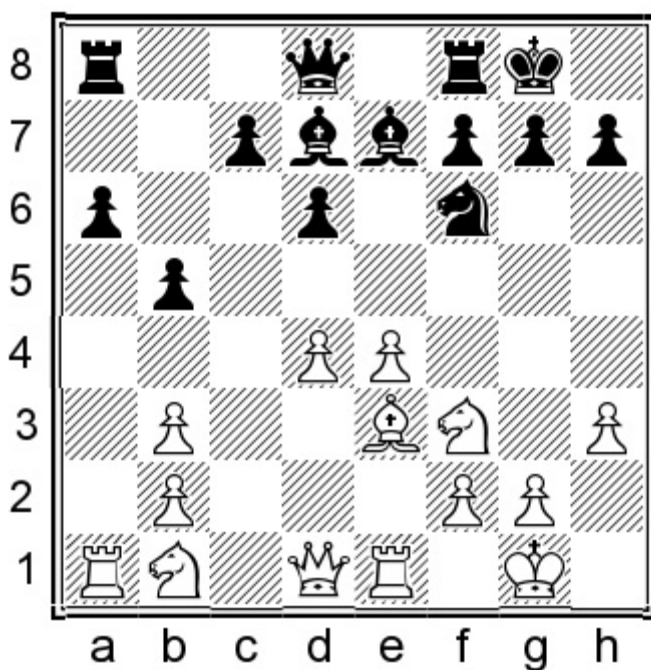
11.cxd4 ♞a5 12.h3!?

12.♙c2 - 142/130

12...♞xb3

12...♙xf3? 13.♚xf3 ♞xb3 14.axb3 d5 15.e5 ♞e4 16.♞c3 ♞xc3 17.bxc3±

13.axb3 ♙d7N



13...♙h5; 13...♙c8

14.♙d2! ♚c8

14...d5 15.e5 ♞e4 16.♙a5

15.♙a5

15.b4!?

15...♚b7 16.♞bd2

16.♞c3?! b4 17.♞a4 ♞xe4∓

16...c5?!

16...♞fe8 17.♚c2 ♙d8 18.♞ac1 ♞c8 19.b4∞

17.d5! ♔d8 18.b4

18.♘f1 ♕xa5 19.♖xa5 ♜b6 20.♞d2 ♜fe8 21.♘g3 ♜e7 22.b4 ♜ae8 23.bxc5 ♜xc5 24.b4 ♜b6 25.♞d3±

18...♕xa5 19.♖xa5 ♜b6

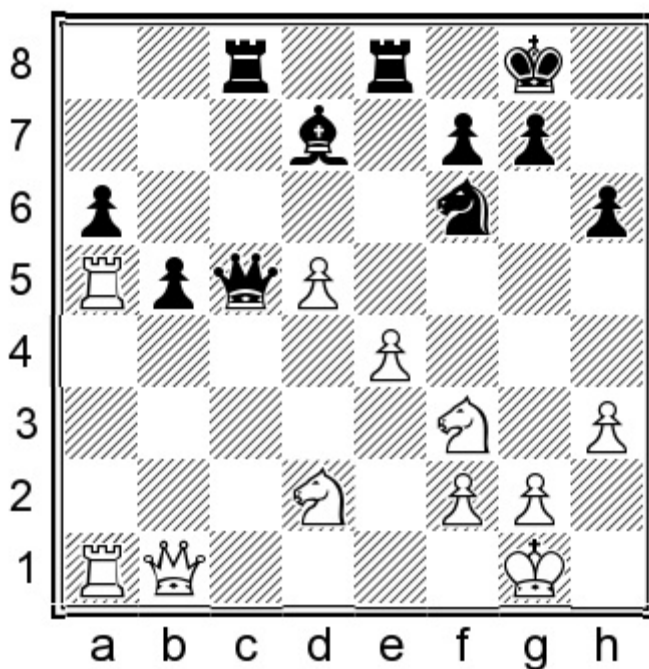
19...cxb4? 20.♞b3 ♜c7 21.♞xb4± ×d6

20.♞b3 ♜fe8 21.♞a3 h6 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.b4 cxb4?

23...c4 24.d6 (24.♞c3?! ♜ad8 Δ Bc8) 24...♞xd6 25.e5 ♞d5! 26.♜c1 ♘e4 27.♘xc4 ♜b7∞

24.♞xb4 ♜ac8 25.♜a2?!

25.♜eal ♞c5 26.♞b1



26...♘h5! 27.♖xa6 ♘f4∞ Δ Ne2-c3

25...♜c7 26.♜aa1?!

26.♜b1 ♕c8 27.♘c4 ♜c5 28.♘d6 ♜d8 29.♘xc8 ♜dxc8 30.♖xa6 ♜xb4 31.♖xb4 ♜c4 32.♖xb5 ♘xe4=

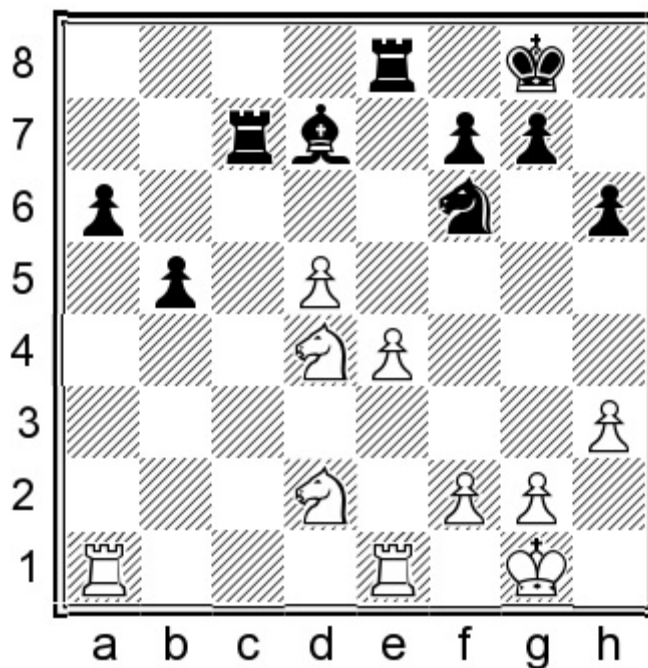
26...♕c8? 27.♞d4!

27.d6!? ♜c5 28.e5 ♘d7 29.♞f4 ♕b7 30.♘b3 ♜c4 31.♘fd4±

27...♞xd4?

27...♘d7 28.♞xb6 ♘xb6 29.♘d4±

28.♘xd4 ♕d7



29.f3!+- a5 30.♖eb1

30.♖xa5?? ♗xd5=

30...a4 31.♗xb5 ♖c2 32.♗f1 ♖a8 33.♗a3 ♖c3 34.♖c1 ♖ac8 35.♖xc3 ♖xc3 36.♗g3 ♗e8 37.♗e2 ♖d3 38.♗c4 ♗b5 39.♗e5 ♖d2 40.♗c3 ♗d6 41.♗xb5 ♗xb5 42.♖xa4 f5 43.h4 fxe4 44.fxe4 ♖f8 45.♗f3 ♖d3 46.♖f2 ♖e7 47.♖g3 ♗c3 48.♖c4 1-0

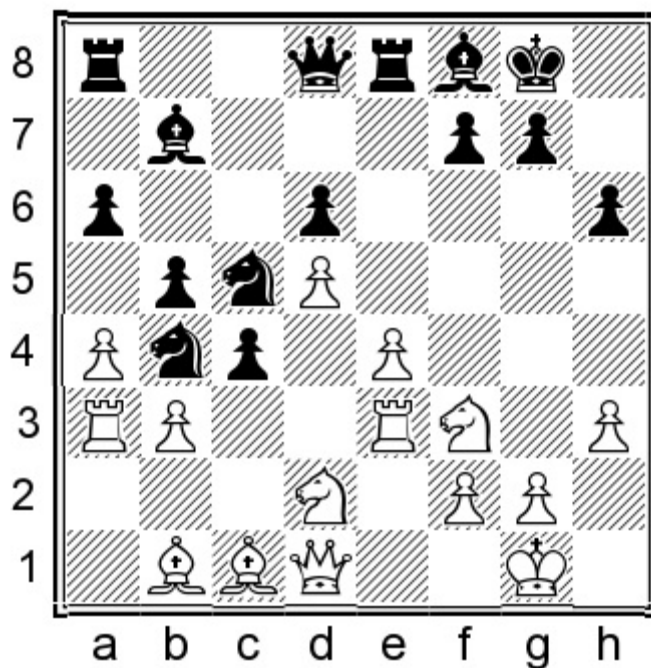
130. * C92

So, Wesley (2772) - Le, Quang Liem (2709)

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1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♗b7 10.d4 ♖e8 11.♗g5 ♖f8 12.♗f3 ♖e8 13.♗bd2 ♗f8 14.a4 exd4 15.cxd4 h6 16.♗c2 ♗b4 17.♗b1 c5 18.d5 ♗d7 19.♖a3 c4 20.♗d4

20.♖ee3 ♗c5 21.b3



21...Rc8?!N (21...c3! 22.Rxc3 f5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Qd4 (24.Rxa8 Qxa8 25.Qd4 Qa1 26.Qxb5 Qa6 27.Rxc5 dxc5 28.Qc7 Rd8 29.Qxa6 Qxa6 30.Qc4 fxe4 31.Qxe4 Qa1) 24...fxe4 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Rg3 Qd7 27.Qe6 Qxe6 28.Qxe4 Qxd5 29.Qxd5 Qxd5 30.Qf6+ Kh8 31.Qxd7 Qc5 32.Qxf8 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Rxc1 34.Qg6+ Kh7 35.Qf5 Qxb3 36.Qe7+ Kh8 37.Qg6+=) 22.axb5 axb5 23.bxc4 bxc4 24.Qb2 Qbd3 25.Qxc4 (25.Qd4! f5 26.Qxc5 Qxc5 27.Rac3 fxe4 28.Qxe4 Qxe4 29.Qxe4±) 25...Qxb2 26.Qxb2 g6± Ivic,V (2582)-Fedoseev,V (2696) Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/(130) 2021

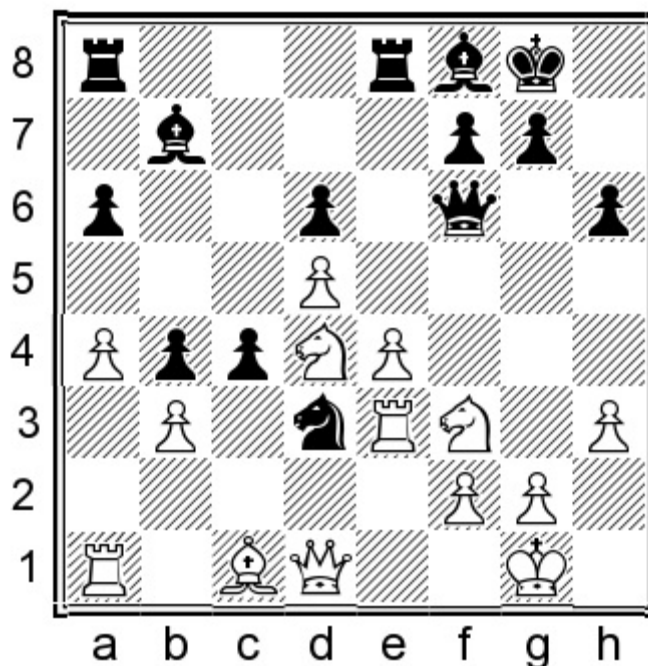
20...Qf6 21.Q2f3 Qc5 22.b3!?

22.axb5 - 49/(419)

22...Qbd3 23.Qxd3 Qxd3 24.Re3 b4N

24...Qg6 25.bxc4 (25.axb5 axb5 26.Qxb5 Qf4 27.Qe1 (27.Qh4 Qg5 28.Qg4 cxb3) 27...Rxe4 28.Rxa8 Qxa8 29.Qc3 Rxe3 30.Qxe3 Qxh3+ 31.Kf1 Qg5 32.bxc4 Qe4) 25...bxc4 26.Raxd3! cxd3 27.Qxd3 Qc8 28.Qd2 Qd7 29.a5 Rab8 30.Qc3∞

25.Ra1



25...dxe5?!

25...dxc5! 26.bxc4 Rxe4 (26...dxe4 27.a5 dxc5 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.e3±) 27.a5 e8! 28.Rxe4 (28.Rb1 e3! 29.Rxe4 (29.gxh3 Rxd4 30.dxd4 Qg6+-) 29...Qg6 30.Qf1 dxe4 31.Rxb4 e7∞) 28...dxe4 29.e3! 30.Rb8 30.dxc6 dxd2 31.dxd2 Rb7 32.Rb1±

26.dxe5?!

26.a5! e8 (26...c3? 27.Ra4±) 27.bxc4 dxc4 28.Rb3 Qg6 (28...Rb8 29.Qe2 dxe5 30.e3±) 29.Rxb4 dxe5 30.f5! e5 31.exf5 Qxf5 32.d4 Qg6 33.e3±

26...dxe5 27.d5 c3??

27...e8! 28.bxc4 (28.Rf3 e5 29.Rxf5 Qd6 30.bxc4 Rac8 31.Qf3 Re7±) 28...e5 29.exf5 (29.Rf3?! Qh4! 30.exf5 Qxc4±) 29...Rac8 30.Qe2 Qxf5∞

28.Rf3!+- Qd8

28...Qb6 29.e3 e5 30.a5 Qb5 31.Rg3+-; 28...g5 29.h4+-

29.dxe6! gxh6 30.Rg3+ Kh7 31.Qg4 1-0

131. C93

Navara, David (2675) - Erdos, Viktor (2614)
Reykjavik 149/131, 2021

1.e4 e5 2.d3 d6 3.f5 a6 4.f4 d5 5.O-O e7 6.Rd1 b5 7.f3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Re8 10.d4 e7 11.Bd2 f8 12.a3 h6 13.d5 Ba5

13...Bb8 - 107/ 107

14.f2 c6 15.b4 cxd5!?

15...♖c4 - 110/(200)

16.bxa5N

16.exd5 ♖c4 17.♗xc4 bxc4 18.♙xc4 ♖c8 19.♚b3 (19.♗d2 ♖xd5 20.♚b3 ♖xc4! 21.♗xc4 ♖e6 22.♗a5 ♙a8) 19...e4 20.♗d4 (20.♗d2 e3! 21.♖xe3 ♖xe3 22.fxe3 ♚e7 23.♗f3 ♗e4↑) 20...♚c7 21.♗c6 ♗xd5 22.♙xd5 ♙xc6 23.c4 ♙xd5 24.cxd5 ♚c3=

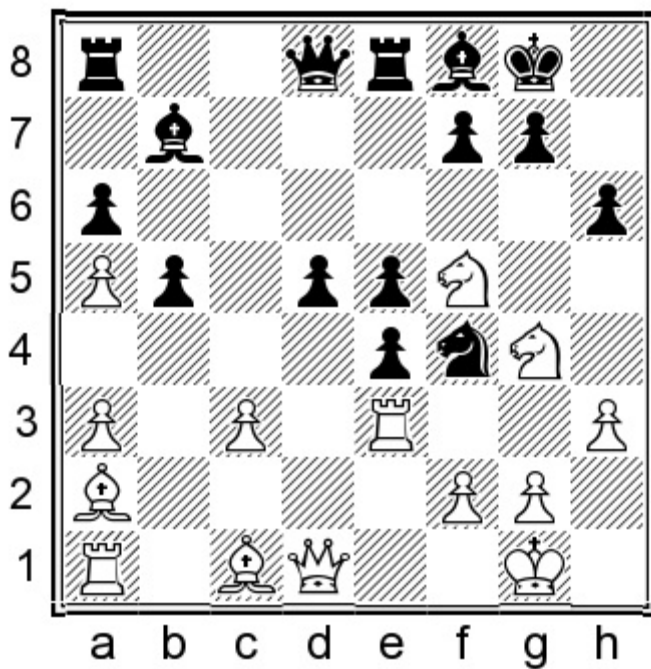
16...dxe4 17.♗h2 d5 18.♗g4 ♗d7 19.♗f1

19.♗xe4!? dxe4 20.♗xh6+ gxh6 21.♚g4+ ♔h8 22.♙xf7 ♗f6 23.♚g6 ♙d5! 24.♙xe8 ♗xe8 25.♙xh6 ♚d6 26.♚xd6 ♙xd6∞

19...♗c5 20.♗g3 ♗d3 21.♖e3

21.♖f1! ♖c8 (21...♚d7!?) 22.♙e3 ♖xc3 23.f3∞

21...♗f4 22.♗f5??



22.♖e1∞

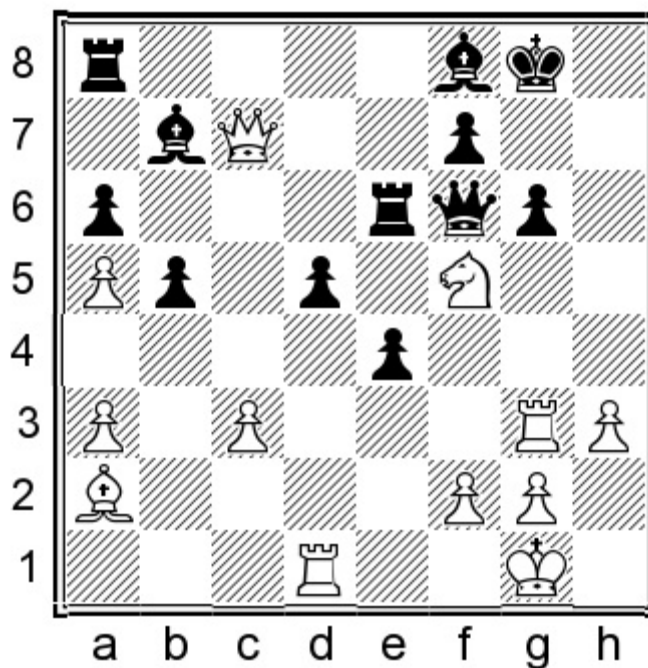
22...h5!-+ 23.♖g3

23.♗h2 ♚g5 24.♗g3 (24.g4 g6-+) 24...h4-+

23...hxc4 24.♚xc4 ♚f6 25.♙xf4 exf4 26.♚xf4 ♖e6

26...g6-+

27.♖d1 g6 28.♚c7



28...Qxf5?

28...Qc6! 29. Nf4 (29. Qxd5? Qxf5 30. Qxc6 Qc5-+; 29. Nf3 Qae8-+) 29...Rd6 30. h4 (30. Nxc6 Rxc6 31. Qb7 Rac8 32. Qxd5 Qc5! 33. Qxc6 Qxf2+ 34. Kh1 Rxc6 35. Qb8+ Kg7 36. Rf1 Rd6!-+) 30...Qd7 31. h5 g5

29. Qxb7 Rd8

29...Rf6! 30. Qxa8 Qxf2+ 31. Kh2 e3 32. Rxd5 e2 33. Re5 e1=Q 34. Rxe1 Qe1

30. Rxd5 Rxd5 31. Qxd5= Qxd5

31...Qf6 32. Qg5 Rd6 33. Qxf6 Rxf6 34. Re3 Qc5 35. Re2=

32. Qxd5 Rd6 33. Rg5 Qe7 34. Re5 Qf8 35. Qb3 Rd3 36. Rxe4 Rxc3 37. Re3 Rxe3

37...Rc1+ 38. Kh2 Qxa3 39. Qd5 Qb4 40. Qb7

38. fxe3 Qxa3 39. Qd5 Qb4 40. Qb7 Qxa5 41. Qxa6 Qb6 42. Qxb5 Qxe3+ 1/2-1/2

132. * C93

Karjakin, Sergey (2757) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696)

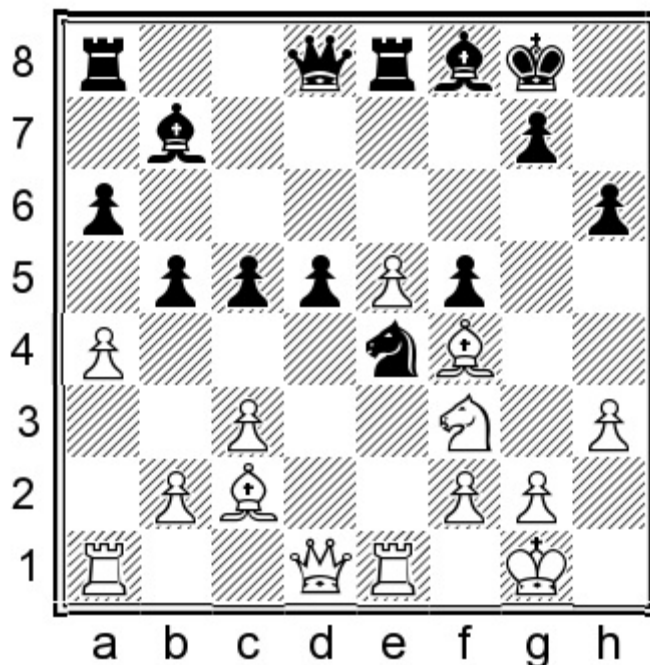
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/132, 2021

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Qb5 a6 4. Qa4 Nf6 5. O-O Qe7 6. Re1 b5 7. Qb3 d6 8. c3 O-O 9. h3 Qb7 10. d4 Re8 11. Nbd2 Qf8 12. a3 h6 13. Qc2 d5

13...Nb8 14. b4 (14. b3 Nbd7 15. d5 (15. Qb2 Bb8 (15...g6 - 116/(121)) 16. a4 c5 17. dxe5 (17. d5) 17...Nxe5 18. Nxe5 dxe5 19. axb5 axb5 20. c4 Qc6 21. cxb5 Qxb5 22. Qc3 Qc7 23. Qf3 c4 24. b4∞) 15...c6 16. c4 Qc7 17. Nf1 Nb6 (17...Reb8 - 42/ 444) 18. Nf3 a5 19. dxc6 Qxc6 20. Nd5 Nfxd5 21. cxd5 Qd7 22. Qd2 a4∞) 14...Nbd7 15. Qb2 Nb6 16. c4 (16. dxe5 dxe5 17. c4 c5 (17...Nxc4?! 18. Nxc4 bxc4

19.♖e2 ♘d6 20.♗xc4±; 17...bxc4 18.♜xe5) 18.cxb5 cxb4 (18...axb5 19.♜xe5 ♜fd7 20.♜g4 ♞e6 21.♞b1 cxb4 22.axb4 ♞c7 23.♞c1 ♜c4 24.♜xc4 bxc4 25.♞d2 ♞d6 26.♞xd6 ♘xd6 27.♞ed1 ♜f8 28.♘b1 ♞c8 29.♞d4 ♘xb4 30.♞dxc4 ♞xc4 31.♞xc4±) 19.bxa6 ♘xa6 20.♜xe5 bxa3 21.♜xf7 axb2 22.♜xd8 bxa1=♞ 23.♞xa1 ♞exd8 24.♜f3 ♘c4 25.♞b1 ♘c5∞) 16...exd4 17.♜xd4N (17.cxb5 axb5 18.♜xd4 ♜a4! 19.♘xa4 bxa4 20.♞c2 c5 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.♜f5 ♜h5! 23.♞ad1 ♞g5∞) 17...bxc4 18.♜f5 g6 19.♜e3 ♘g7 20.♜exc4 ♜xc4 21.♜xc4 ♜xe4 22.♘xg7 ♜xg7 23.♘xe4 ♞xe4 24.♞xe4 ♘xe4 25.♞c1= Elyoseph,H-Schulz,G corr 149/ (132) 2020

14.dxe5 ♜xe5 15.♜xe5 ♞xe5 16.♜f3 ♞e8 17.e5 ♜e4 18.♘f4 c5 19.a4 f5



20.h4!?N

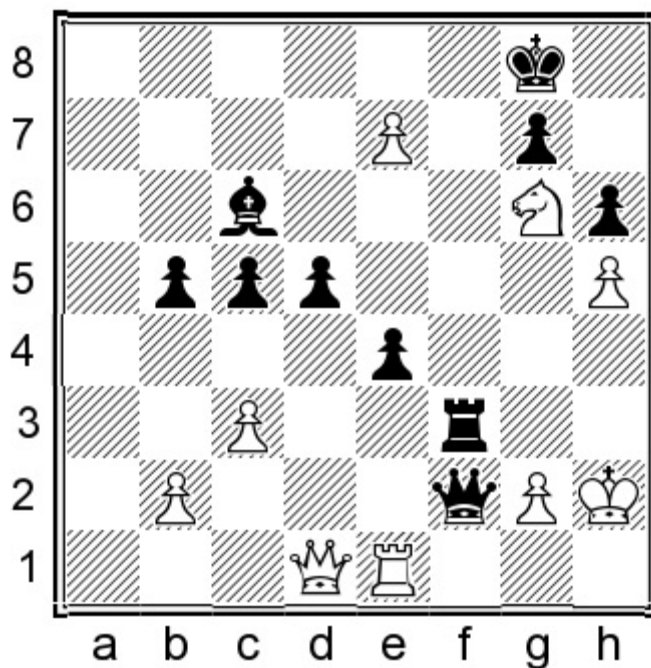
20.♜d2 - 141/(122)

20...♘e7 21.h5 ♞f8?

21...♞b6 (×e6) 22.♘e3 (22.♞e2 ♞ad8 23.axb5 axb5 24.♞e3 d4 25.cxd4 cxd4 26.♞e2 ♘d5 27.♘d3 ♜c5! 28.♞ed1 (28.♘xb5? d3! 29.♘xd3 ♘xf3+-) 28...♜xd3 29.♞xd3 ♘e4 30.♞b3+ ♘d5 (30...♜h7? 31.♞f7↑) 31.♞d3 ♘e4=) 22...♞c7=

22.axb5 axb5 23.♞xa8 ♘xa8 24.e6! ♞e8

24...♞c8 25.♜e5! ♞xe6 26.♜g6 ♞d8 27.f3+-; 24...♘f6 25.♜e5 ♘xe5 26.♘xe5 ♞e8 (26...♞e7 27.f3 ♞xe6 28.♘f4+-; 26...♞h4 27.♞f3 f4 28.♞a1 ♜g5 (28...♘b7 29.♞a7 ♞g5 30.♞xb7 ♞xe5 31.♞g4 ♞e8 32.♞g6 ♞xe6 33.♞f7+ ♜h7 34.f3+-) 29.♞d1 f3 30.e7 ♞e8 31.♞xa8!+-) 27.f3 ♞xe6 (27...♜g5 28.♘xf5 ♜xe6 29.f4+- Δ Qg4) 28.♘h2 ♜g5 29.♞xe6 ♜xe6 30.♞e2! ♜f8 31.♞xb5+-; 24...♘d6 25.♘xd6 ♞xd6 26.♜h4! ♞f4 27.♘xe4 fxe4 28.♜g6 ♞xf2+ 29.♜h2 ♞f3 (29...♞e8 30.♞f1 ♞e3 31.e7 ♘c6 32.♞f8+ ♜h7 33.♞xd5! ♘xd5 34.♞xe8+-) 30.e7 ♘c6



31. ♖xe4! dxe4 32. ♕d8+ ♔f7 33. e8=♚+! ♕xe8 34. ♗e7+ ♔g8 35. ♗xe8+ ♖f8 36. ♗xf8+ ♗xf8 37. ♘xf8 ♕xf8 38. ♔g3+-

25. ♘e5 ♕g5 26. ♘g6 d4

26... ♖xe6? 27. ♕xg5! ♗xg5 28. f3 ♗xh5 29. ♘f4 ♗h4 30. ♕xe4! (30. ♘xe6?? ♗f2+ 31. ♔h2 ♗g3+ 32. ♔g1=) 30... ♗xf4 31. ♕xd5 ♕xd5 32. ♗xd5

27. cxd4 ♘xf2

27... ♗xd4 28. ♗xd4 cxd4 29. f3 ♕xf4 (29... ♘f6 30. ♕xf5 ♘xh5 31. ♕xg5 hxg5 32. e7 ♕c6 33. ♕e6+ ♔h7 34. ♕f7+-) 30. ♘xf4 ♘d6 31. ♖d1+-

28. ♔xf2 ♕xf4 29. ♘xf4 ♗h4+ 30. ♔g1 ♗xf4 31. d5 ♗g3 32. ♖e2!

32. ♕xf5? ♕xd5

32... ♗g5 33. ♗d2 1-0

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133. ** !N D02

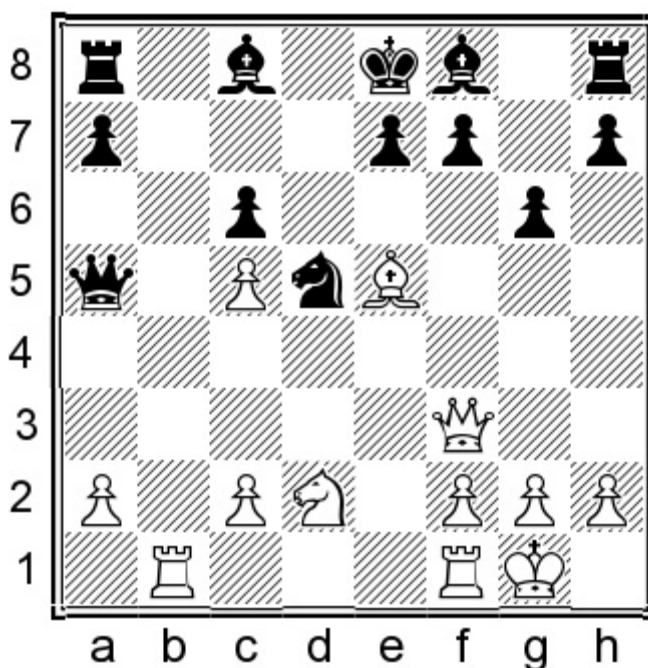
Pechac, Jergus (2523) - Fier, Alexandr (2569)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/133, 2021

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♙f4 c5 4.e3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2 ♚b6 6.dxc5 ♚xb2 7.♖b1 ♚c3 8.♙b5 g6

8...e6 - 148/128

9.e4!? dxe4 10.♙e5 ♚a5 11.O-O! exf3 12.♙xc6+ bxc6 13.♚xf3 ♘d5



14.♘e4!N

14.♙xh8 - 149/(133) 14...♚xd2 15.c4 f6 16.cxd5N - 149/(133) (16.♖fd1; 16.♖fe1N ♔f7 17.cxd5 ♚xd5 18.♚e3 ♙f5 19.♖bd1 ♚xa2 20.h3 h5 21.♚f3= Le,Q (2709)-So,W (2772) chess24.com (Int.-m2/1-rapid) 149/(133) 2021) 16...♚xd5 17.♚c3 ♔f7∞ Mostbauer,F (2274)-Leisch,L (2401) Oesterreich (ch-rapid) 149/(133) 2021

14...f6

14...♖g8 15.c4 f5! 16.♘g3 ♚xc5 17.cxd5 ♚xd5 18.♚e3=

15.♘xf6+! exf6 16.♙xf6↑ ♚a4?

16...♖g8? 17.♖fe1+-; 16...♙e7 17.♙xh8 ♚xc5 18.♖fe1 ♙f5 19.♚g3 ♔f7 20.♚e5=

17.♙xh8 ♚f4 18.♚e2+ ♔f7 19.♖b3

19.♟fe1! ♘g8 20.♙e5 ♜f7 21.♙a1! Δ Qe5+-

19...♘g8 20.♙b2 ♙d7 21.g3 ♜f5 22.c4 ♜c7

22...♜f6 23.♟f3 ♜e4 24.♟e3 ♜f5±

23.♜d2 ♜e8 24.♟e3?!

24.♟e1!↑

24...♜f7 25.♟fe1 ♜g7 26.♜d4 ♟e8

26...h5

27.♘g2

27.♟xe8 ♙xe8 28.♟e3±

27...♟xe3 28.♟xe3 ♙e6 29.♟e4 ♙f5 30.♟e1 ♙e6 31.♟e4 g5 32.h4 h6 33.♘g1 ♜f5 34.♟e5 ♜b1+
35.♘h2 gxh4 36.♟xe6 hxg3+ 37.fxg3 ♜c2+ 38.♘h1 ♜b1+ 39.♘g2 1/2-1/2

134. * D12

So, Wesley (2772) - Shankland, Samuel L (2709)
Saint Louis (rapid) 149/134, 2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♜f3 ♜f6 4.e3 ♙f5 5.♜c3 e6 6.♜h4 ♙e4!?

6...♙g6

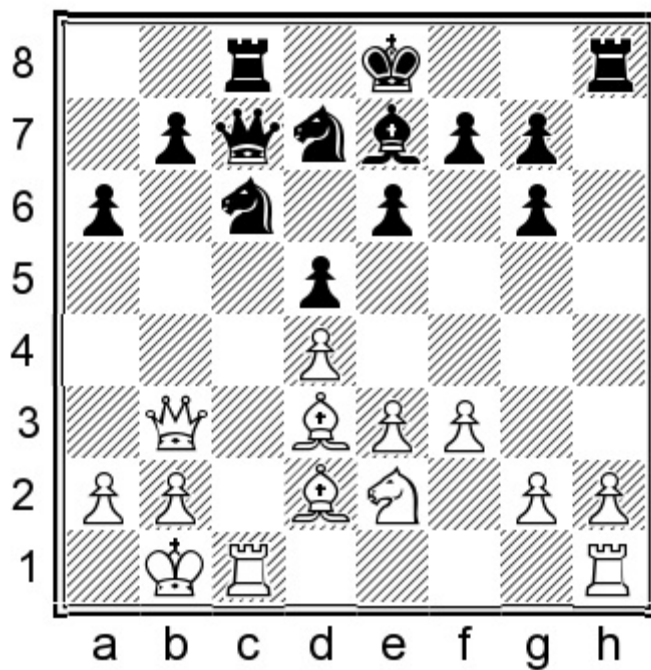
7.f3 ♙g6 8.♜b3 ♜c7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.♙d2 ♜c6 11.O-O-O a6 12.♜xg6 hxg6 13.♘b1 ♜d7

13...♙e7!? 14.♙d3 (14.♟c1 ♜d7) 14...♘f8N (14...♜d7) 15.♟c1 ♟b8 16.♜e2 ♟xh2 17.♟xh2 ♜xh2
18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 ♟d8?! (19...♜xg2 20.♟xc6 ♜xe4 21.♟c2 ♜xd2+ 22.♟xd2 ♟d8=) 20.♜xb7 ♜xd4
21.♜xd4 ♟xd4 22.♟c8+ ♟d8 23.♙a5 ♜g1+ 24.♟c1 ♜d4 25.♙xa6 ♟d7 26.♜b8+ ♜e8 27.♙b5 ♜xe4+
28.♘a1 ♜b7 29.♜h2 ♙f6 30.♜h8+ ♘e7 31.♙b4+ ♜d6 32.♙xd6+ ♘xd6 33.♟d1+ ♘c5 34.♟xd7
♙xb2+ 35.♘b1 ♜e4+ 36.♘xb2 ♜b4+ 37.♘c2 ♜e4+ 38.♟d3 ♜xg2+ 39.♘b3 ♜b7 40.♜e8 1-0 (40)
So,W (2772)-Xiong,J (2710) Saint Louis (blitz) 149/(134) 2021

14.♟c1 ♙e7 15.♙d3 ♟c8

15...♜a5!? 16.♜xd5 (16.♜d1 ♜c4 17.♙xc4 dxc4 18.d5 ♜e5=) 16...♜xc1+ 17.♙xc1! ♜xb3 18.♜c7+
♜d8 19.♜xa8 ♜a5 20.e4 ♜c6 21.♙e3 ♘c8 22.d5 (22.♙f4 e5 23.dxe5 ♙c5 24.b4 g5 25.♙g3 ♙xb4
26.♙c4 ♜cxe5 27.♙b3 ♙a5 28.♟d1 ♟e8=) 22...exd5 23.♜b6+ ♜xb6 24.♙xb6 ♙d8 25.♙f2 ♜b4
26.♙e2 dxe4 27.fxe4 ♙c7=

16.♜e2



16...O-O?N

16...b5 17.a4 bxa4 18.♙xa4 ♘b6 19.♙xa6 ♖a8 20.♙b5 ♕d7!☞

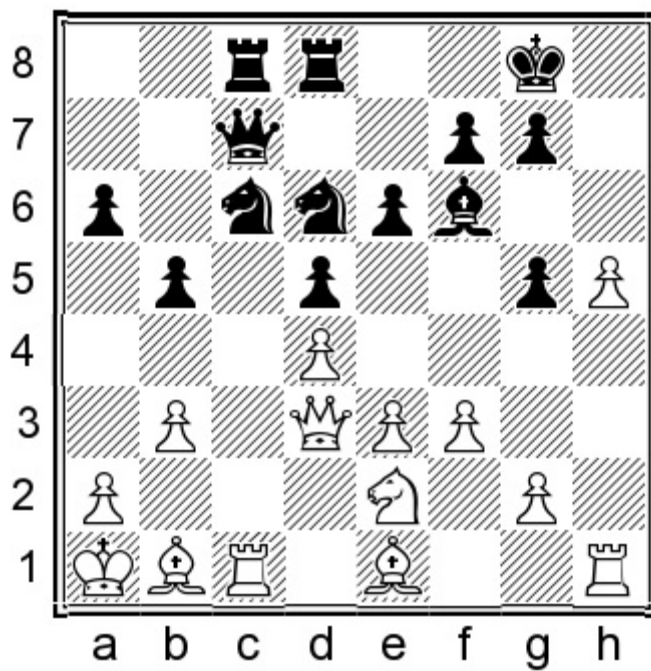
17.h4! b5 18.h5 g5 19.♕a1! [Δ Bb1, Qd3] 19...♘b6?

19...♘a5 20.♙d1 ♙b6 21.♘b1 b4

20.♘b1 ♘c4 21.♘e1 ♘f6

21...f5!?

22.♙d3 ♗fd8 23.b3 ♘d6



24.♙b4! ♘f8 25.♙c5 e5 26.♜c3 ♜e7 27.♞h7 ♘e8 28.♞he1 ♘d7 29.dxe5 ♙xe5 30.♙d4 ♙xd4
31.exd4 ♞a5 32.♘b2 ♞e8 33.♞xg7 ♞b4 34.♙d3 ♜c4+ 35.♙xc4 bxc4 36.♞xf7 cxb3 37.♞e6+ ♘d8
38.a3 ♞b8 39.♜xd5 ♞xc1 40.♞xc1 ♜g8 41.♞xa6 1-0

135. D24

Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2627) - So, Wesley (2770)

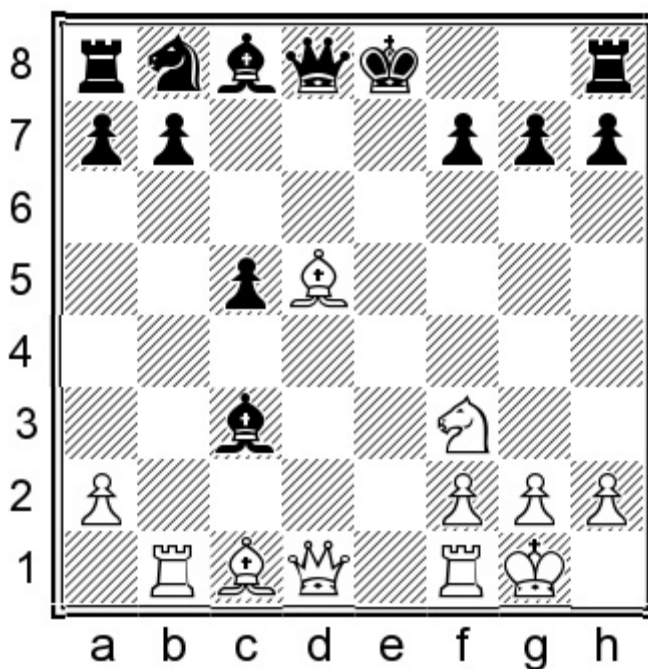
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1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 e6 3.♜f3 d5 4.♜c3 dxc4

4...♜bd7 5.♙f4 dxc4 (5...♙e7) 6.e4 ♙b4 7.♙xc4 (7.♞c2 - 61/438, D 37) 7...♜xe4 8.O-O ♜xc3
(8...♙d6!? 9.♜xe4 ♙xf4∞) 9.bxc3 ♙d6 (9...♙xc3 10.♞c1 ♙b4 11.d5) 10.♙g3 (10.♜e5 ♞f6; 10.♙g5
♙e7 11.♙xe7 ♞xe7 12.♞e1 O-O 13.♞e2 ♞d8 14.♞ad1 a5!? 15.d5 ♜b6 16.♙b3 a4 17.dxe6 ♙xe6)
10...O-O (10...♙xg3 11.fxg3 O-O 12.♞c2 b6!?) 11.♜e5 ♜xe5 (11...♞e7 12.♞e1 ♞e8 13.♞e3!? -
147/137, D 37) 12.dxe5 ♙e7 13.♞g4 ♞d7 (13...c5 14.♙f4 ♞c7 15.♞fe1 ♞e8 16.♞e3) 14.♙f4!?
(14.♞fe1 b5 15.♞ad1 ♞c6 16.♙d3 ♙b7 17.♞h3 h6! (17...g6) 18.♙f4 ♞ad8 19.♞e3 g5 20.♞g3 ♞xd3!
21.♞dxd3 ♞e4 22.♙d2 ♞d8) 14...♞d8 15.♙h6 g6 (15...♙f8 16.♙g5 ♙e7 17.♙f6↑) 16.h4

5.e4 ♙b4 6.♙xc4 ♜xe4 7.O-O ♜xc3 8.bxc3 ♙e7

8...♙xc3?! 9.♞b1 c5 (9...c6? 10.♞b3 ♙a5 11.♜e5±) 10.♙g5! (10.d5 exd5 11.♙xd5



11...O-O! 12.♙xf7+ (12.♞xb7 ♙d4 13.♙e4 ♙xb7 14.♙xb7 ♜d7 15.♙xa8 ♞xa8 16.♜xd4 cxd4
17.♞xd4 ♜f6=) 12...♘h8 13.♞b3 ♙f6 14.♙e3 ♜c6! 15.♙xc5 ♜a5 16.♞d5 ♞xd5 17.♙xd5 ♞d8
18.♞fe1 ♙f5 19.♙e4 ♙xe4 20.♞xe4 ♘g8=) 10...♞c7 (10...♞d7 11.d5 exd5 12.♙b5! ♜c6 13.♞c1! d4
14.♞e1+ ♙xe1 15.♞xc5 ♙a5 16.♜xd4 a6 17.♞b2!+-) 11.d5!± ΔO-O 12.d6! ♞d7 13.♞b3! ♙b4 14.a3
♙a5 15.♙b5 ♜c6 16.♜e5+-

9.♜e5

9.♖e2 O-O 10.♞d1 ♘d7 11.♞d3!??

9...O-O 10.♞g4 ♘c6 11.♞e1 f5

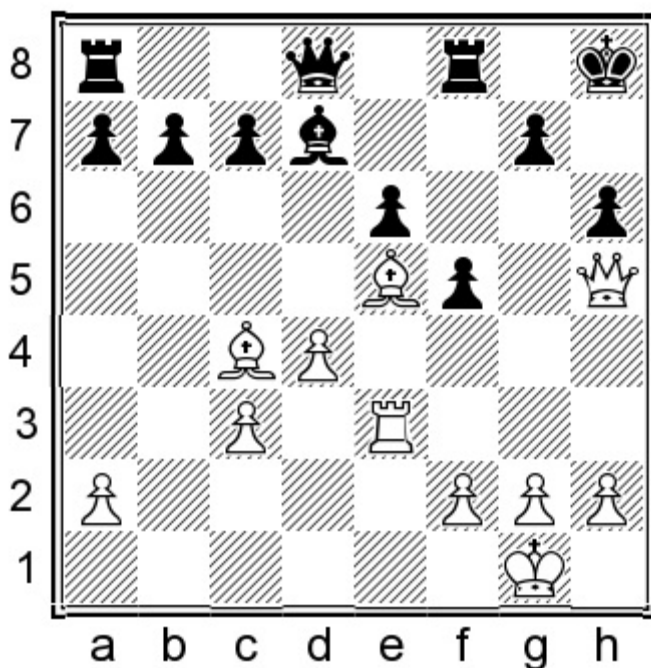
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12.♞f3 ♘xe5 13.♞xe5 ♔h8 14.♙f4 ♙d6

14...g5 - 132/148

15.♞e2

15.♞e3 ♙xf4 16.♞xf4 ♞d6 17.♞xd6 cxd6 18.♙xe6 f4 19.♞ee1 ♙xe6 20.♞xe6 ♞ac8 21.♞xd6 ♞xc3 22.♞d7 ♞fc8 (22...f3 23.♞d1±) 23.♞e1 ♞c1 (23...♞c2?! 24.h4) 24.♔f1 ♞1c2 25.d5 h6 26.d6 ♞d2 27.♞c7 ♞d8 28.♞xb7 ♞8xd6 29.♞xa7 ♞c6 30.♞a3 ♔h7 31.h4 ♞cc2 32.♞f3 g5=; 15.♞g3!? ♙xe5 16.♙xe5 ♞f7 17.h4 c6 (17...b5; 17...b6 18.h5 h6 19.♞e1♘) 18.♞e1 a5!? 19.♞e3! ♔g8 20.♞f4 b5 21.♙e2 b4 22.cxb4 ♙a6 23.♙h5 ♞d7 24.♞g3 ♞aa7∞; 15.♞ae1!? ♙xe5 16.♙xe5 h6 (16...♞f7?! 17.♞h5! ♔g8 (17...♞e8 18.d5↑) 18.♞e3!↑ Δ♙d7?! 19.♞h3 h6 20.♞g3 ♞f6 21.♙xf6 ♞xf6 22.♞g6 ♞f7 23.♞xh6 b5 24.♙b3 ♞e8 25.h4±) 17.♞e3 ♙d7 18.♞h5



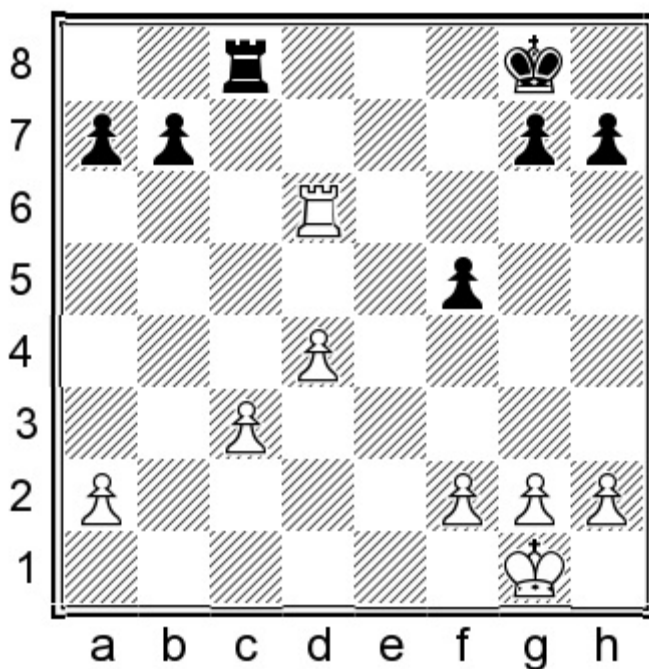
18...♞g5! 19.♞xg5 (19.♞d1 f4! 20.h4 ♞e7 21.♞h3 ♙c6 22.♙d3 ♞f6!♞) 19...hgx5 20.d5 (20.♞g3 b5 21.♞xg5 ♞f7 22.♙b3 a5♞) 20...exd5 21.♞h3+ ♔g8 22.♙xd5+ ♞f7 23.♙xc7 ♞c8 24.♙e5 ♞e8 25.♙xf7+ ♔xf7 26.♞e3 f4 27.♞e1 g4 28.g3! (28.f3 gxf3 29.gxf3 g5 30.♔f2 ♞e6 31.h4 gxh4 32.♙xf4 ♞a6 33.♞e2 ♙e6♞) 28...f3 29.♞e3 ♞e6 30.h3 gxh3 31.♞xf3+ ♔g6 32.♞e3 ♞a6 33.♞e2=

15...♙xf4 16.♞xf4 ♞d6 17.♞xd6

17.♞e5!? ♙d7 18.♞ae1 ♞f6 (18...♞ae8 19.♞e3 h6 20.h4!? (20.♙xe6=) 20...♞a3!? 21.h5 c6 22.♙b3 a5∞) 19.h4 (19.♞e3 ♞af8 20.f3 b6 21.♙xe6 ♙xe6 22.♞xe6 ♞xe6 23.♞xe6 ♞xe6 24.♞xe6 ♔g8 25.♔f2 ♔f7 26.♞c6 ♞c8 27.h4 ♔e7 Δ Kd7=) 19...h6 20.♙b3 a5 21.♞e3 ♞a3!? (21...b5 22.d5∞) 22.d5 a4

23.dxe6 axb3 24.exd7 bxa2 25.♞e8+ ♞f8 26.♞xa8 ♞xa8 27.♞a1 ♞d8 28.♞e6 ♞f6 29.♞e8+ ♞f8=

17...cxd6 18.♙xe6 ♞e8 19.♞ae1 ♙xe6 20.♞xe6 ♞xe6 21.♞xe6 ♞c8 22.♞xd6 ♙g8



22...h6 23.♞d7 ♞xc3 24.g3 ♞a3 25.♞xb7 ♞xa2 26.♙g2 ♞a4 27.d5 ♙h7 28.♙f3 ♙g6 29.d6 ♞d4 30.d7 a5=

23.h4N

23.g3 ♞xc3 24.♞d8+ (24.♞d7) 24...♙f7 25.♞d7+ ♙f6 26.♞xb7 ♞a3 27.♞b2 ♞d3 28.♞c2 (28.♞b4 ♞a3 29.♞b2 ♞d3=) 28...a5 29.♞c6+ ♙g5 (29...♙e7) 30.♞c4 ♞a3 31.♞c2 ♞d3 32.♞c5 ♞a3=

23...♞xc3 24.♞d8+ ♙f7 25.♞d7+ ♙f6 26.♞xb7 ♞a3= 27.d5 ♞xa2 28.d6 ♞d2 29.♞xa7 ♞xd6 30.g3 h5 31.♙g2 ♞e6 32.♞a8 ♞d6 33.♞f8+ ♙g6 34.♞e8 ♙f6 35.♞f8+ ♙g6 36.♞e8 ♙f6 37.♞f8+ 1/2-1/2

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136. D27

Aronian, Levon (2781) - Caruana, Fabiano (2820)

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♙xc4 e6 5.♘f3 c5 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♘c3 a6 8.♘e5

8.d5 - 139/151, 152

8...♙c7

8...♘xe5 9.dxe5 ♙xd1 10.♖xd1 ♘d7 11.f4 b5 12.♙d3 ♙b7∞

9.♘xc6 ♙xc6 10.d5 exd5 11.♘xd5 b5

11...♙e6 12.♘xf6+ gxf6 13.♙xe6 ♙xe6 14.b3 ♖g8 15.♙b2 f5 16.g3± (16.♖c1?! ♖d8 17.♙e2 ♙d5 18.g3 ♙d2=)

12.♘xf6+ ♙xf6 13.♙d5 ♖b8N

13...♖a7

14.e4

14.♙d2

14...♙e7 15.a4

15.♙d2!?

15...O-O 16.axb5 ♖xb5

16...axb5 17.g3↑

17.♖a3! ♖b6 18.♖f3 ♙e5 19.♙d2 ♖g6 20.♙c3 ♙c7 21.♖g3

21.h3!?

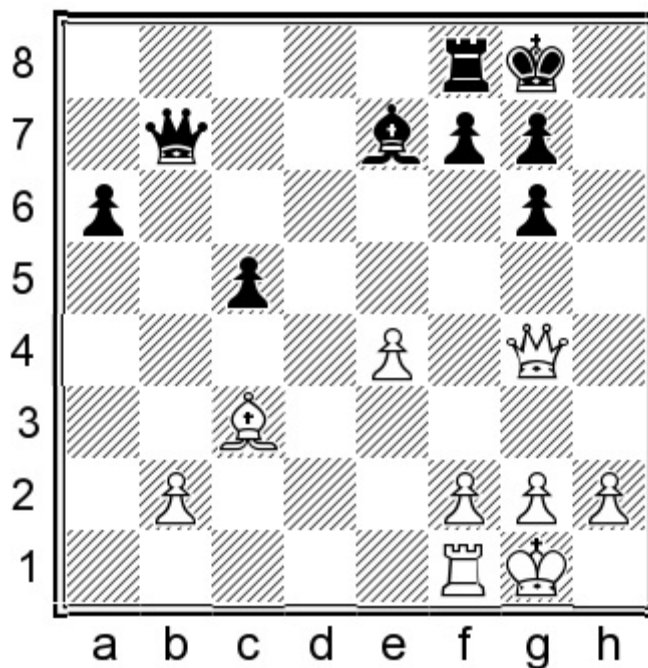
21...♙b7

21...♙d6!?

22.♖xg6

22.♖e1!?

22...hxxg6 23.♙xb7 ♙xb7 24.♙g4?!



24. ♖a4±

24...c4! 25.e5 ♘b4 26.♙xb4

26.♚xc4 ♙xc3 27.♚xc3 ♜b8 28.♞b1 ♚e4 29.♞a1 ♚e2=

26...♚xb4= 27.e6 ♚xb2 28.♚xc4 ♚f6 29.♚xa6 ♚xe6 30.♚xe6 fxe6 31.♔h1 ♔h8 32.♔g1 ♔g8
33.♔h1 ♔h8 34.♔g1 ♔g8 1/2-1/2

137. !N D28

Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2758)
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 e6 5.♙xc4 c5 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♘c3 a6 8.♚e2 b5

8...♚c7 - 42/496

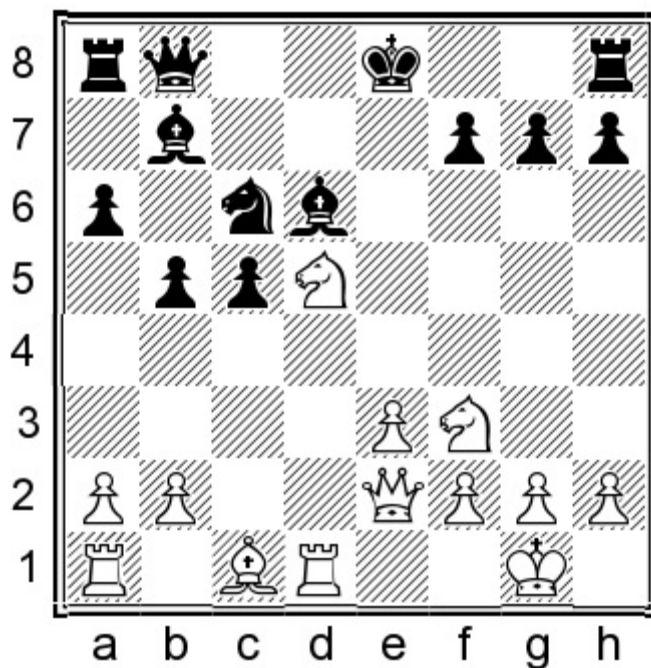
9.♙b3 ♙b7 10.d5!? ♘xd5

10...exd5 11.e4 d4 12.e5 ♘g4 13.♙g5 ♚c8 14.♘d5 c4 15.♙xc4 bxc4 16.♚xc4 h6 17.♙f4 ♚d7 18.♞fd1
g5 19.♙g3 ♙g7 20.♘xd4 ♘gxe5 21.♙xe5 ♙xe5 22.♘f3 ♔f8 23.♘b4 ♚e6 24.♚c5+ ♔g7=

11.♞d1 ♚b8?

11...♙e7 12.♙xd5 exd5 13.♘xd5 O-O 14.a4 ♘a5 15.♘xe7+ ♚xe7 16.axb5 axb5 17.♚xb5 ♙a6
18.♚a4 ♙e2 19.♞e1 ♙xf3 20.gxf3 ♚b7 21.♚e4 ♚xe4 22.fxe4 ♘b3 23.♞xa8 ♞xa8 24.e5 h6 25.♔g2
♞a4=

12.♙xd5 exd5 13.♘xd5 ♙d6



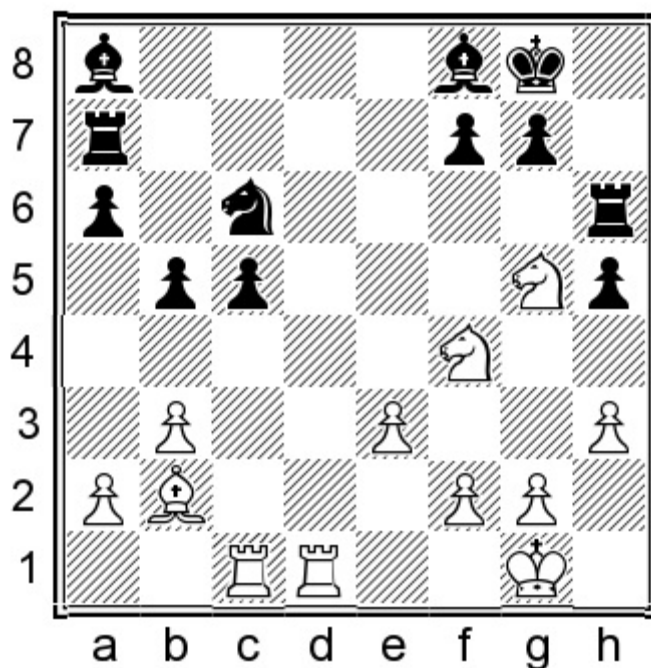
14. ♖b6! N

14. e4 ♗d4 15. ♗xd4 cxd4 16. e5+-

14... ♖a7 15. ♕d3 ♙e7 16. ♕d7+ ♜f8 17. ♕f5 ♜g8 18. b3 h5 [Δ Rh7] 19. ♙b2 ♜h6 20. ♖ac1 ♕e8
21. ♗d5! ♙f8 22. ♕g5 ♕e6 23. ♗f4 ♕g4 24. h3

24. ♖xc5 ♙xc5 25. ♕xc5 ♖a8 26. h3 ♕c8 27. ♕g5+-

24... ♕xg5 25. ♗xg5 ♙a8



26. ♙a3! [×c5] 26... b4 27. ♙b2 a5 28. ♗e4 a4 29. ♗xc5 axb3 30. axb3 h4 31. ♗d7 ♙e7 32. ♗b6 ♙b7
33. ♖d7 ♖d6 34. ♖xd6 ♙xd6 35. ♗c8 ♙xc8 36. ♖xc6 ♙c7 37. ♗d5 1-0

138. * D37**Radjabov, Teimour (2765) - Grischuk, Alexander (2776)****Bucuresti 149/138, 2021**

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♙e7 5.♙f4 O-O 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.c5 ♘h5 8.♙d3 ♘xf4 9.exf4 b6 10.b4 a5 11.a3 c6 12.O-O ♙a6 13.♙xa6

13.♙e2 - 144/129

13...♞xa6 14.♙e2 ♞a8 15.b5

15.♞ab1 axb4 16.axb4 ♙f6 17.♞fc1 ♞a3=

15...cxb5 16.♙xb5 - 149/138

16.c6N ♞xc6 17.♘xb5 ♞c8 (17...♞c4 18.♞xc4 dxc4 19.♞fc1 ♞c8 20.♘d2 c3 21.♘xc3 ♞aa8=)
 18.♘d6 ♙xd6 19.♙xa6 ♙xf4 20.g3 ♙h6 21.♞ab1 g6 22.♘e5 ♘xe5 23.dxe5 ♞b8 24.♙a7 ♞b7 25.♙xb7 ♞xb7 26.♞b5 ♙f8= Sturt,R (2494)-Raja,H (2459) Banja Vrujci 149/(138) 2021

16...♞a7 17.♘e5

17.c6!? ♘b8 18.♞fc1 (18.♙xb6?! ♘xc6 19.♙b5 ♞c8±; 18.♘e5 ♙f6=; 18.f5!?) 18...♞c7 (18...a4!?)
 19.♘e5 ♞fc8=

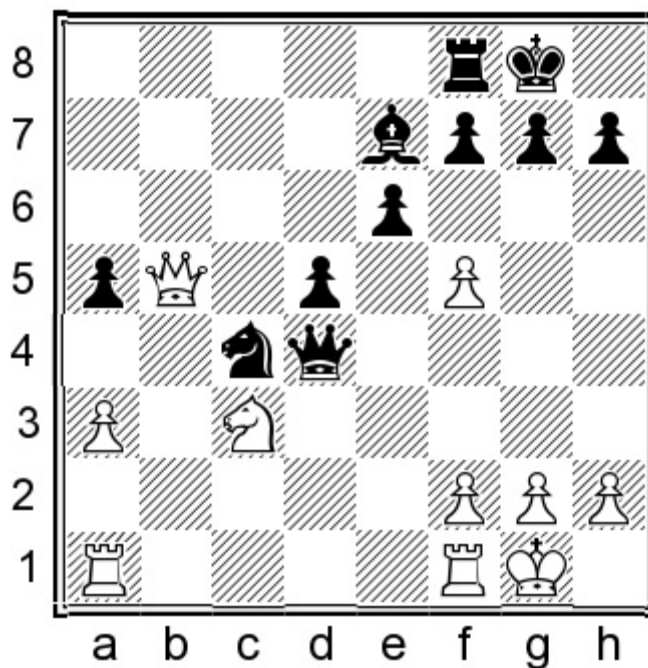
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18.fxe5? bxc5 19.dxc5 ♞c7±

18...♘c4 19.bxa7 ♞xa7 20.f5!?

20.♘e2 ♞b8 21.♙a4 g6=

20...♙xd4



21. ♖d7!

21. fxe6 ♖xc3 (21... fxe6 22. ♖d7 ♖f7 23. ♖e8+ ♔f8 24. ♘e2 ♖f6) 22. ♖xd5 ♘xa3 23. exf7+ ♖xf7 24. ♖ac1 ♖b4 25. ♖c7 g6 26. ♖d1

21... ♘d2!

21... ♖xc3 22. ♖xe7 ♖f6 23. ♖xf6 gxf6 24. ♖fb1±; 21... ♖f6 22. ♖ae1↑

22. ♖xe7 ♘xf1 23. fxe6 fxe6 24. ♖xe6+ ♔h8 25. ♖xf1 N

25. ♖e1=

25... ♖xc3 26. ♖xd5

26. ♖d6 ♖e8 27. h3 h6=

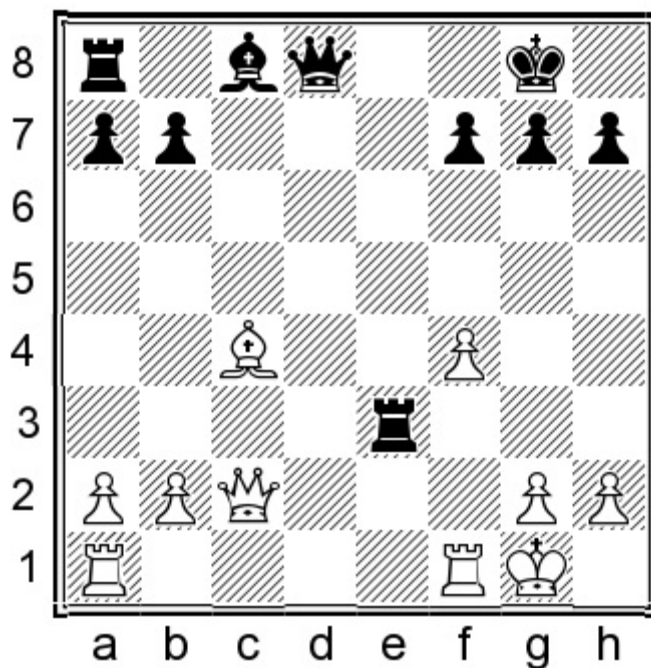
26... ♖xa3= 27. g3 ♖b4 28. ♖a1 a4 29. ♖c6 ♖b2 30. ♖xa4 ♖xf2+ 31. ♔h1 ♖f3+ 32. ♔g1 ♖f2+ 33. ♔h1 ♖f3+ 34. ♔g1 ♖e3+ 35. ♔h1 ♖f3+ 1/2-1/2

139. * D38

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2770) - Aronian, Levon (2781)

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1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♘f3 d5 4. ♘c3 ♘b4 5. ♖a4+ ♘c6 6. e3 O-O 7. ♘d2 dxc4 8. ♘xc4 ♘d6 9. ♖c2 e5 10. dxe5 ♘xe5 11. ♘xe5 ♘xe5 12. f4 ♘xc3 13. ♘xc3 ♘g4 14. ♘d4 c5 15. ♘xc5 ♖e8 16. O-O ♘xe3 17. ♘xe3 ♖xe3



18.♖fe1!?

18.♔f2 - 145/(126)

18...♖xe1+N

18...♔d4 19.♔f2 ♖xe1+ 20.♖xe1 - 18...Re1 20...♔xf2+ 21.♔xf2 ♔f8 22.♙d5 ♙d7 23.♖e3 ♖c8 24.♙xb7 ♖b8 25.♖b3 ♙a4! 26.♖a3 ♖xb7 27.♖xa4 ♖xb2+ 28.♔f3 ♖b7= So,W (2770)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) Paris (blitz) 149/(139) 2021

19.♖xe1 ♙d7? - 149/139

19...♔d4+ - 149/(139)

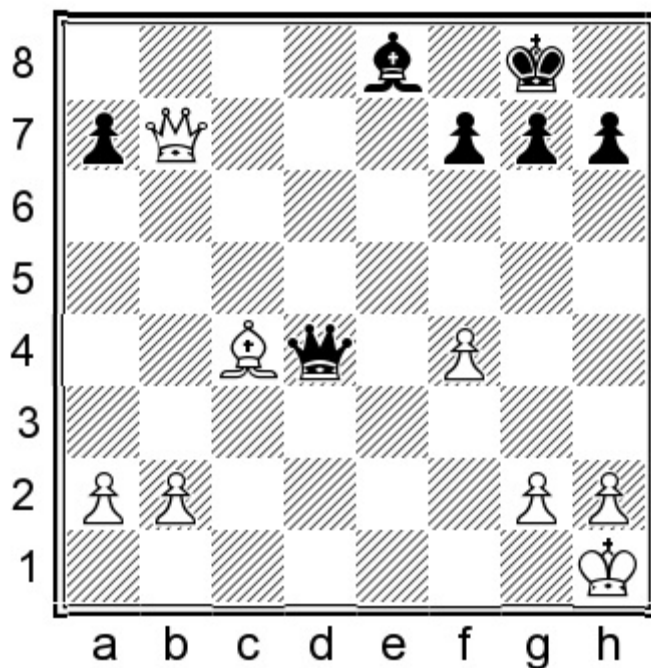
20.♔b3!± ♔f6

20...♙c6 21.♙xf7+ ♔h8 22.♔e3±

21.♔xb7 ♔d4+ 22.♔h1 ♖e8?

22...♖d8

23.♖xe8+ ♙xe8



24. ♖xf7+! ♔f8 25. ♖b3+- ♜c5

25... ♜xf4 26. ♜xa7 ♜c1+ 27. ♜g1 Δ ♜xb2 28. ♜c5#

26. ♜d5 ♜c1+ 27. ♖d1 ♜xf4

27... h6 28. h3 Δ ♜xb2 29. ♜c5+! ♔g8 30. ♖b3+ ♔h7 31. ♜f8

28. ♜c5+ ♔g8 29. ♜xa7 h5 30. h3 ♖c6?! 31. ♖b3+ ♔h7 32. ♜f7! ♜c1+ 33. ♔h2 ♜c5 34. ♜g8+
34. ♜c7

34... ♔h6 35. ♜e6+ g6 36. ♜f6 ♖d7 37. h4 ♜c7+ 38. g3 ♜c8 39. ♜f4+ ♔h7 40. ♜f7+

40. ♜f7+ ♔h6 41. ♜g8

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140. D38

So, Wesley (2770) - Aronian, Levon (2781)

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1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♘f3 d5 4. ♘c3 ♖b4 5. ♜a4+ ♘c6 6. e3 O-O 7. ♖d2 dxc4 8. ♖xc4 ♖d6 9. ♜c2 e5
10. dxe5 ♘xe5 11. ♘xe5 ♖xe5 12. O-O-O!?

12. O-O - 145/126

12... ♜e7 13. ♔b1

13. ♖d3 c6 14. h3 ♖e6 15. ♔b1∞

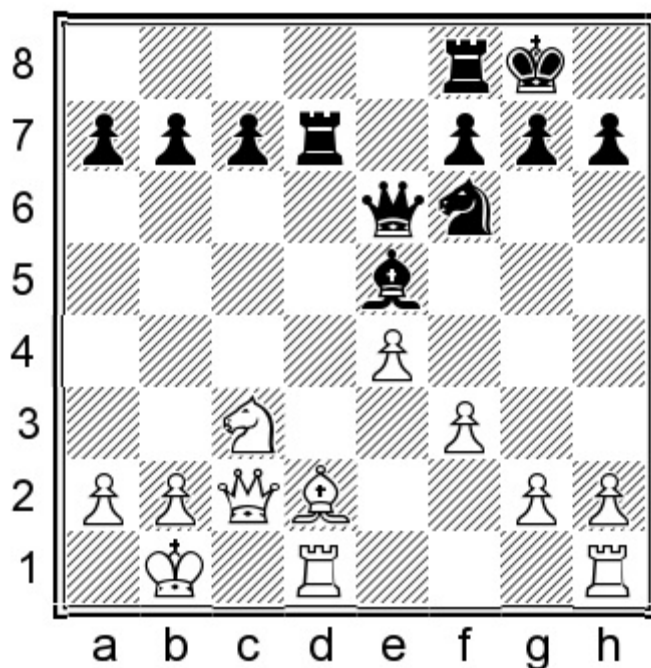
13... ♖e6

13...♖d8!? 14.f4 ♘xc3 15.♙xc3 ♙g4=

14.♙xe6

14.♙d3 ♖fd8 15.f4 ♘xc3 16.♙xc3 ♘d5 17.♙d2 h6=

14...♜xe6 15.f3 ♖ad8 16.e4 ♖d7



16...♖d6

17.♙c1N

17.♙e3 ♖fd8 18.♖xd7 ♖xd7=

17...♖fd8 18.♖xd7 ♜xd7

18...♖xd7 19.♘e2 c6 20.♙e3 h6!?= 21.♙xa7 c5!

19.♘e2 c6 20.♙e3 ♙c7= 21.♖c1 ♙b6

21...♙xh2 22.♙xa7 (22.g3 ♜d3 23.♜xd3 ♖xd3 24.♖c3 ♖xc3 25.bxc3 b6 26.♙c2) 22...h6=

22.♙g5 ♜e6 23.♜b3!? h6

23...♜xb3 24.axb3 ♖d6 25.b4=

24.♜xe6 fxe6 25.♙f4 ♘h5 26.♙e5 ♖d2 27.♖c2 ♖d1+ 28.♖c1 ♖d2 29.♖c2 ♖d1+ 30.♖c1 ♖d2 1/2-1/2

141. D39

Radjabov, Teimour (2765) - So, Wesley (2770)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♙b4 5.♙g5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.♙xf6 ♜xf6 8.♙xc4 c5 9.e5 ♜d8 10.O-

O cxd4 11. ♖e4 O-O 12. ♔e2 ♙e7 13. ♖ad1 ♔c7 14. ♗g3

14. ♙d3 - 136/138

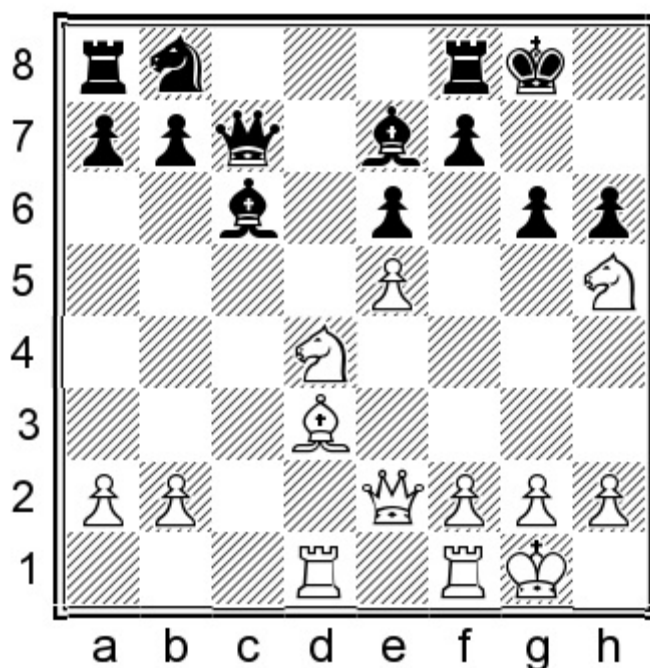
14... ♙d7 15. ♗h5 g6 16. ♙d3N

16. ♗f6+!? ♙xf6 (16... ♖g7 17. ♗xd4 ♙xf6 18. exf6+ ♖xf6=) 17. exf6 ♔f4 18. ♖xd4 ♔xf6 19. ♔e3

16... ♙c6

16... gxf5? 17. ♔e4 f5 18. exf6 ♖xf6 19. ♔h7+ ♖f8 20. ♙g6 ♖xg6 21. ♔xg6+-; 16... ♗c6!?

17. ♗xd4



17... ♗d7!

17... gxf5? 18. ♔xh5 ♙g5 19. f4+-; 17... ♖h8 18. ♔e3 ♖h7 19. ♗f4+-

18. ♖fe1 ♗xe5 19. ♔xe5 ♔xe5 20. ♖xe5 gxf5 21. ♗xc6 bxc6 22. ♖xh5 ♖g7= 23. ♖f1 ♖fd8 24. ♖e2 ♖d5 25. ♖h3 ♖ad8 26. ♖g3+ ♖f8 27. ♙c2 ♖e5+ 28. ♖e3 ♖xe3+ 29. fxe3 ♖xd1 30. ♖xd1 ♙f6 31. ♙e4 ♙xb2 32. ♙xc6 a5 33. a4 ♙e5 34. g3 ♖e7 35. ♖e2 ♖f8 36. ♖d1 ♖e7 37. ♖e2 ♖f8 38. ♖d1 1/2-1/2

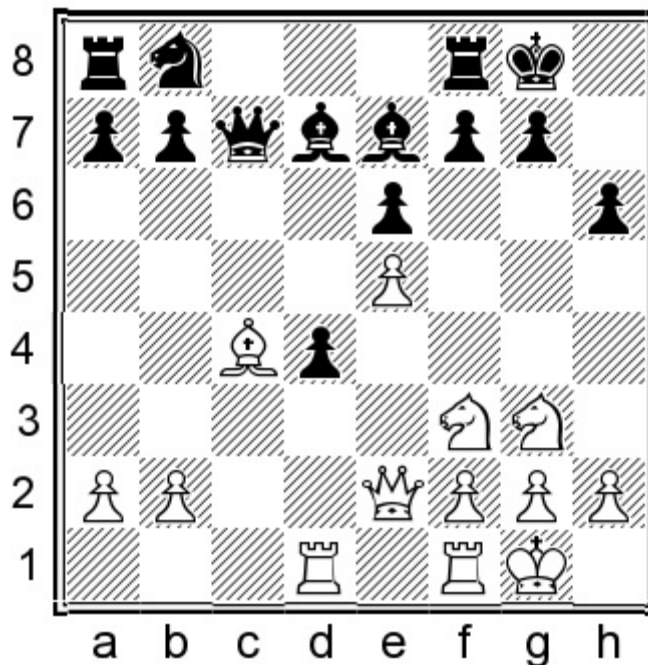
142. * D39

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782) - Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2554)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/142, 2021

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♗f3 d5 4. ♗c3 ♙b4 5. ♙g5 dxc4 6. e4 h6 7. ♙xf6 ♔xf6 8. ♙xc4 c5 9. e5 ♔d8 10. O-O cxd4 11. ♗e4 O-O 12. ♔e2 ♙e7 13. ♗g3!? ♙d7 - 149/(142)

13... b5N 14. ♙xb5 ♙b7 15. ♖fd1 ♔b6 16. ♗xd4 ♖d8 17. ♗b3 ♗c6= Babujian, L (2455)-Sargsyan, S (2596) Armenia (ch) 149/(142) 2021; 13... ♗c6

14.♖ad1 ♔c7



15.♙d3N

15.♖xd4

15...♙c6 16.♘xd4 ♖d8 17.♙b1 ♘d7 18.f4 ♙c5 19.♔h1 ♙xd4!

19...♘xe5 20.♘xc6 ♘xc6 21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♗c2 ♙d4 23.♗h7+ ♔f8 24.f5 ♔e7!±

20.♖xd4 ♘f8 21.♖fd1 ♖xd4 22.♖xd4 ♖d8± 23.♖xd8?!

23.♗d2 ♖xd4 24.♗xd4 ♗a5±

23...♗xd8 24.♙e4 ♙xe4?!

24...♘g6! 25.♙xc6 (25.♙xg6 fxg6±) 25...bxc6 26.f5 exf5 (26...♘xe5 27.fxe6 fxe6 28.h3±) 27.e6 (27.♘xf5 ♗a5-+) 27...♗d5 28.exf7+ ♔xf7±

25.♘xe4 ♗d4 26.g3 ♘d7 27.b3 ♘c5 28.♘f2 ♔f8 29.♔g2 ♔e7 30.h4 g6 31.h5 gxh5 32.♗xh5 ♘e4 33.♘xe4 ♗xe4+ 34.♗f3 ♗c2+ 35.♗f2 ♗e4+ 36.♔h2 b6 37.♗g2 ♗d3 38.♔h3 ♗f5+ 39.♔h4 ♗b1 40.g4 ♔f8 41.♗f2 1/2-1/2

143. D41

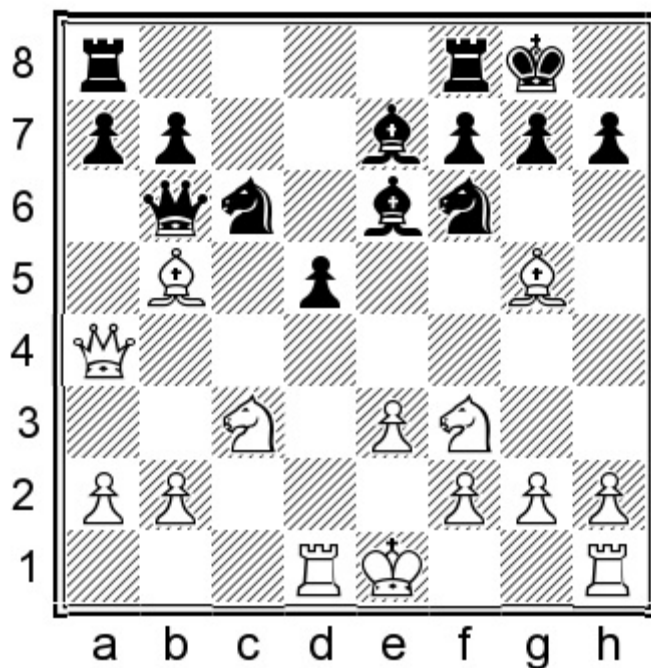
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Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/143, 2021

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9...♙e6 10.♙d3 ♘c6 (10...h6 - 147/141) 11.♗a4 ♗b6 12.♖d2 h6 13.♙h4 ♖fd8= - 10...h6

10.♗a4 ♙e6 11.♙b5 ♗b6?!



11...Rc8 12.O-O a6 13.Bxc6 Rxc6 14.Nd4±

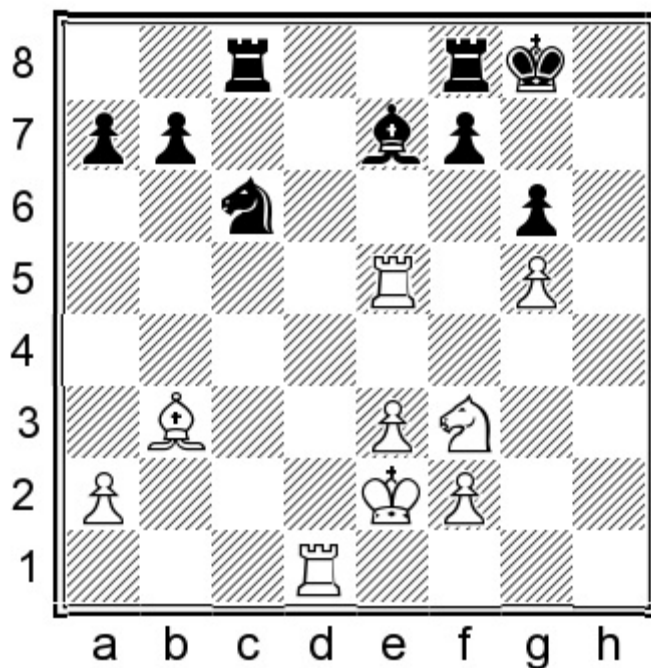
12.Bxf6N

12.O-O

12...Bxf6 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Bxb2 15.Qe2!± Bf6 16.Rhd1 Rac8

16...Rad8 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.Nd4± Δc5?? 21.Qe8#

17.Bc4 Bb4 18.Qb3 Bxb3 19.Bxb3± Bb8 20.g4! [×Bf6] 20...h6 21.h4 g6 22.g5 hxg5 23.hxg5 Be7 24.Re5 Nc6



25.♖d7!+- [×a7, b7] 25...♙d8

25...♜xe5 26.♞xe5 ♙xg5 27.♞xg6 ♜fd8 28.♖xf7

26.♖b5 ♞a5 27.♙d5?!

27.♖xd8!

27...♖c7 28.♙xf7+ ♔g7 29.♖xc7 ♙xc7 30.♙d5 1-0

144. D43

Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2627) - Giri, Anish (2780)

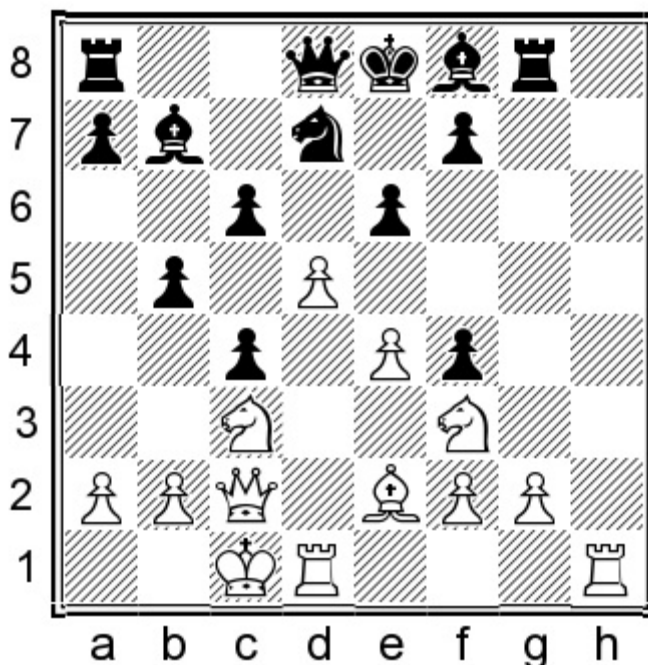
Bucuresti 149/144, 2021

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10...♞bd7 11.♞d2!? ♖b6 12.♖d1 ♙e7 13.a4 a6 14.O-O h5 (14...♖c8 - 126/140) 15.h3 h4 16.♙h2 g4 17.hxg4 h3 18.♙g3 hxg2 19.♞xg2 ♖g8 20.f3 ♞h5!? (20...♖c8?! 21.♖h1 ♙a8 22.♞f1 Δ Ne3) 21.♙h2 ♖d8⇒ 22.♖h1 ♖xd4 23.♞xc4 ♖f6 24.♞d6+ ♙xd6 25.♖xd6 ♞f4+ 26.♙xf4 ♖xf4 27.♖d2 ♖xd2 28.♖xd2 ♞e7=

11.♖d1

11.♙e5!? ♖g8 (11...f6 12.♞d2 ♞g7 (12...fxe5 13.♙xh5+ ♞e7 14.d5!) 13.♙g3 ♞d7 14.h4±) 12.h4 g4 (12...♞f4 13.hxg5 hxg5 (13...♞xe2 14.gxh6!) 14.♙xf4 gxf4 15.d5! ♞d7! (15...cxd5 16.exd5 ♙xd5 17.O-O-O±; 15...♞a6 16.dxe6 ♞b4 (16...fxe6 17.♖d1 ♖c7 18.e5±) 17.exf7+ ♞xf7 18.♖c1 ♖f6 19.♖h4±) 16.O-O-O



16...♖c7! (16...♖b6? 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.♞d4 O-O-O (18...♞c5 19.♞xe6!+-) 19.♞xe6 ♖e8 20.♖d2! ♞e5 21.♖xf4 ♖xe6 22.♖f5 c5 23.♞d5+-; 16...♖f6?! 17.♞d4 cxd5 18.exd5 O-O-O 19.♞dxb5 ♞b8

20.dxe6 ♖xe6 21.♞h5±) 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.♟d4 ♟c5 19.b4! cxb3 20.♟xb3!? (20.♙h5+ ♜e7 21.axb3 ♞d8! 22.♙f3 ♞e5 23.♟ce2 ♞g5 24.♞h7+ ♙g7 25.b4 ♟a4∞ 26.♞xc6 ♙xc6 27.♟xc6+ ♜f6 28.♟xe5 ♞c8+ 29.♜b1 ♜xe5 30.♞c1 ♞xc1+ 31.♜xc1 ♙f8! 32.♟xf4 ♜xf4 33.♞f7+ ♜e5 34.♞xf8 ♟c3=) 20...♞g5!? 21.♙h5+ ♜e7 22.♟d4↑ ♞d8 23.♟f3 ♞xd1+ 24.♟xd1 ♞e5! 25.♟b2!? (25.♟xe5 ♞xe5±) 25...♟xe4 26.♙g6! ♟f6 27.♟xe5 ♞xe5 28.♟d3 ♞a1+ 29.♜d2 ♞d4 (29...♞xh1 30.♞c5+-) 30.♞c5+ ♞xc5 31.♟xc5 ♙c8 32.♞h8 a5 33.♟d3±) 13.♟h2 ♟d7 14.♟xg4 ♞xg4! 15.♙xg4 ♟xe5 16.dxe5 ♟f4± 17.♞d1 ♟d3+ 18.♜f1 ♞d4 19.♞h3 ♙c5 20.♞f3 ♞xe5 21.♞fxd3 cxd3 22.♞xd3 ♜f8 23.♞f3 ♜e7∞

11...♟xg3

11...♙g7!? 12.♙e5 ♟d7 13.♙d6 ♟f4 14.O-O ♞b6 15.b3 c5! 16.♙xf4 gxf4 17.d5 cxb3 18.axb3 a6 19.dxe6 ♞xe6 20.♟d5 O-O-O∞

12.hxg3 ♟a6!?

12...♟d7 13.d5∞ - 112/234

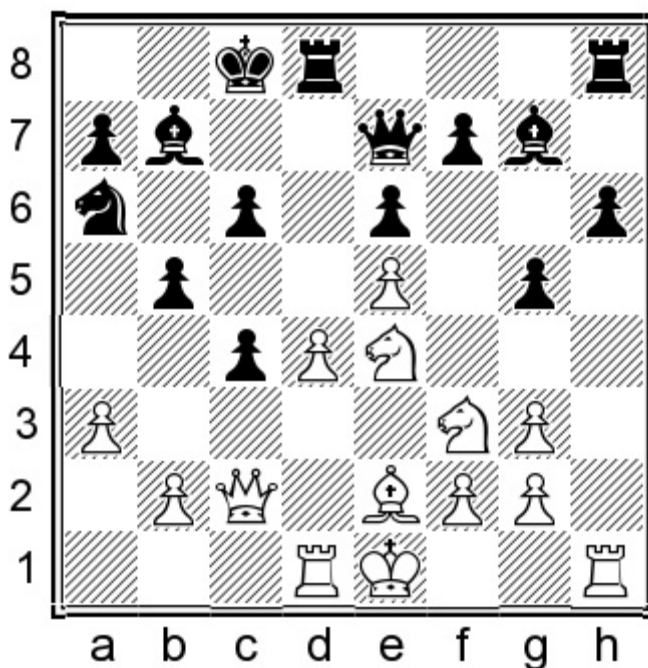
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13...♙g7

13...♞e7

14.e5 ♞e7 15.♟e4 O-O-O



16.♟d6+N

16.O-O g4 17.♟d6+ ♘b8 18.♞d2 ♜xd6! 19.exd6 ♞xd6 20.b3 cxb3 21.♞xb3 h5 22.♞c5 h4 23.gxh4 ♜xh4 24.g3 ♜h6 25.♞xa6+ (25.♞e4?! f5+) 25...♙xa6 26.♞c5 ♙f8! 27.♙xg4 ♞xc5 28.dxc5 ♙xc5+; 16.b3 cxb3 17.♞b2 ♘b8 18.O-O c5 19.♙xb5 ♙xe4 20.♙xa6 ♙d5 21.♞d3 ♘a8 22.♞c1 cxd4 23.♜xb3 g4 24.♞b5 gxf3 25.♜xd5 exd5=

16...♜xd6

16...♘b8!? 17.b3! cxb3 18.♞xb3 g4 19.♞d2 ♜xd6 20.exd6 ♞xd6 21.♞e4 ♞e7 22.O-O f5 23.♞c5 ♞xc5 24.dxc5 ♞xc5 25.♞xe6 h5 26.♞c1 ♞f8!? (26...♞e5 27.♜xc6! ♙xc6 28.♞xc6 ♜c8 29.♞xb5+=) 27.♞fd1 (27.♜xc6? ♜h6-+) 27...♞f6 28.♞xf6 ♙xf6 29.♞d7 ♙b2 30.♞b1 ♙xa3 31.♙xb5 ♘c8 32.♞d3=

17.exd6 ♞xd6⇒ 18.O-O g4

18...c5 19.b3! cxd4 20.bxc4 ♞c5 (20...g4 21.cxb5+ ♞c7 22.♞h4!±) 21.cxb5 ♘b8 22.♞d2 ♜c8 23.♙f3±

19.♞e5

19.♞h4? h5+

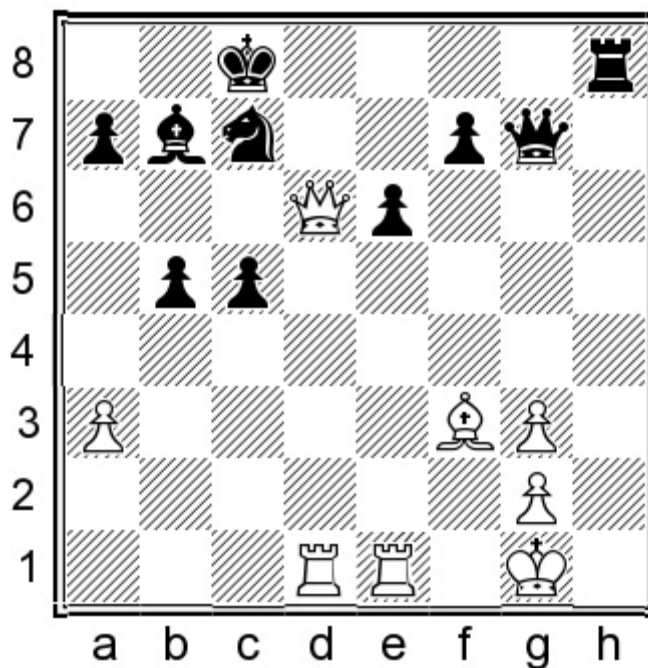
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⊔23...♞c5 24.b4 ♞d3 25.♜xd3 cxd3 26.♞xd3 h4 27.g4 h3 28.♞d1 hxg2 29.♞d7+ ♘b8 30.♞d6+ ♘a8 31.♙xc6 ♜h1+! 32.♘xg2 ♜xd1 33.♙xb7+ ♘xb7 34.♞xd1=

24.b3! cxb3 25.♞xb3↑ hxg3 26.fxg3 ♞g7?!

26...♞g5 27.♞d3 ♞c5+ 28.♞e3 ♘b8 29.g4 ♞c7 30.♞c3 ♞xc3 31.♜xc3 ♞d5 32.♙xd5 exd5 33.♜f1±

27.♞d3 ♞c7 28.♞d6± c5



28...Rg8 29.g4 ♖f8 30.♔d7+ ♜b8 31.♞c1 ♜e8 32.♔d6 ♜d8 33.♜xd8+ ♞xd8 34.♞f1±

29.♔d7+?

29.♞e5! ♜h6 (29...♜xg3 30.♞h5! ♜xd6 31.♞xh8+ ♜d7 32.♞xd6+ ♜xd6 33.♜xb7+-) 30.♞h5 ♜f8
31.♜xf8+ ♞xf8 32.♞xc5+-

29...♜b8 30.♜xb7 ♜xb7 31.♞xe6 ♜xg3 32.♜c6+ ♜b8 33.♔d6 ♜xd6 34.♞exd6 ♜b7

34...♜e6 35.♞d7 ♞c8 36.♞b1 ♜d4 37.g4 (37.♞xf7 c4 38.♞d7 ♜b3 39.♜f2 c3 40.♞d3 c2 41.♞dx3=)
37...♞g8 38.♜f2 ♞xg4 39.♞h1 ♞g8 40.♞xf7 b4 41.♞hh7 ♜c6 42.♞b7+ ♜a8 43.♞bc7 ♞g6 44.♞c8+
♜b8 45.♞xc5 bxa3=

35.♞f6 ♞h7 36.♞d7 b4 37.axb4 cxb4 38.♜f2

38.♞d4 a5 39.♞f5 ♞h6 40.♞xa5 ♞b6 41.♞f5 b3 42.♞d1 ♞b4 43.♞xf7 ♜c6 44.♞c1+ ♜d6 45.♞f3 ♜b5 Δ
Nd4=

38...a5 39.♜e2

39.♞fxf7 ♞xf7+ 40.♞xf7 a4 41.♜e2 a3 42.♜d2 a2 43.♞f1 ♜d5 44.♞a1 b3 45.♜c1=

39...♞g7= 40.♞fxf7 ♞xg2+ 41.♜d1 ♞g1+ 42.♜c2 ♞g2+ 43.♜b1 ♞g1+ 44.♜b2 ♞g2+ 45.♜b1

45.♜b3 ♞g3+ 46.♜b2 (46.♜a4?? ♞a3#) 46...♞g2+=

45...♞g1+ 46.♜b2 ♞g2+ 47.♜b1 ♞g1+ 1/2-1/2

145. ** D45

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782) - Shankland, Samuel L (2709)

Saint Louis (rapid) 149/145, 2021

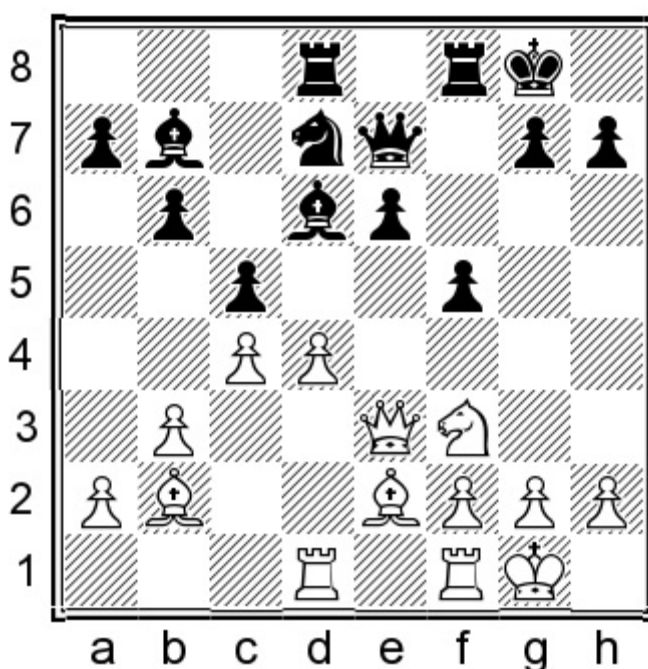
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10...♞e8 11.♞ad1 ♞e7 12.♞fe1 c5 (12...♞ad8 - 147/144 13.♙f1 c5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.g3 ♞c8 16.♙h3 cxd4 (16...c4) 17.♘xd4 (17.exd4 ♘e4 18.♞d3 ♞d8 19.♙f5 ♘xc3 20.♞xe8+ ♞xe8 21.♙xc3 g6 22.♞e1 ♞d8 23.♙h3 ♞c7 24.♙d2 ♘f6 25.♙g5 ♙b4=) 17...♙b4 18.♘de2?!N (18.f3 a6 19.♞c1 g6 20.♞f2 h5 21.♞c2 ♞cd8 22.♙f1=) 18...♘e4 19.a3? (19.♞f1 ♞ed8+) 19...♘xf2 20.axb4 ♘xh3+ 21.♘f1 ♞xe3 22.♞f5 ♘f6 23.♙c1 ♘g4 24.♞d3 d4 25.♞ed1 ♞g1+ 26.♘xg1 ♘xh2# 0-1 (26) Andersen,M (2579)-Salinas Herrera,P (2514) Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/(145) 2021) 13.cxd5 exd5 14.♘b5 ♙b8 15.♙d3N (15.♙f1) 15...a6 16.♘c3 ♙d6 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.♘e2 ♞ac8 19.♘g3 g6 20.♞b1?! (20.♞e2 a5 21.♙b5 ♙xg3 22.hxg3 ♙c6 23.♙xc6 ♞xc6=) 20...c4 21.♙c2 (21.bxc4 dxc4+) 21...c3 22.♙a1 ♘e5 23.♘d4 ♘fg4 24.h3 ♘xf2-+ Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Korobov,A (2683) Zagreb (blitz) 149/(145) 2021

11.♞ad1 ♞ad8 12.e4 dxe4 13.♘xe4 ♘xe4 14.♞xe4 f5 15.♞e3?!

15.♞h4 ♞xh4 16.♘xh4 ♙e7 17.♘f3 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.cxd5 ♙f6 20.♙c1 ♘e5 21.♘xe5 ♙xe5 22.♙c4 f4 23.g3 ♞f5 24.g4 ♞ff8 25.♞de1 ♙c3 26.d6+ ♘h8 27.♞e7 ♙c6 28.♞c7 ♙f3 29.h3 g5 30.d7 ♘g7 31.♞xa7 ♞f6 32.♘h2 ♞d6 33.♙b5 ♘f7 34.♞c7 ♘e7 35.♞c8 ♙b7 36.♞c7 ♙e4 37.♞c8 ♞d4 38.h4 h6 39.♞g1 ♙b7 40.♞c7 ♙d5=; 15.♞c2 ♘f6 16.♞fe1∞

15...c5



16.♞fe1?!

16.d5 e5 17.g3

16...cxd4 17.♘xd4N

17.♞xd4

17...e5! 18.♖b5??

18.♙d3 ♙c5 19.♚h3 g6 20.♗c2 h5 21.b4 ♙d6∞

18...♙c5! 19.♚g3 f4 20.♚h3 ♗f6 21.♗c3??

21.♚h4 h6 22.♙f1 (22.a3 ♖xd1 23.♙xd1 ♚d8 24.♖f1 ♙e4!-+) 22...♖xd1 23.♖xd1 f3-+

21...♙xf2+! 22.♗xf2 ♙c8! 23.♖xd8

23.♚f3 ♗g4+ 24.♗g1 ♚c5+-+

23...♖xd8 24.g4

24.♚f3 ♗g4+ 25.♗g1 ♚h4-+

24...♖d2 25.♖d1 ♙xg4 0-1

146. D52

Stocek, Jiri (2604) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2674)

Polanica-Zdroj 149/146, 2021

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.♗c3 c6 5.♙g5 ♗bd7 6.e3 ♚a5 7.cxd5 ♗xd5 8.♖c1 ♗xc3 9.bxc3 ♙a3
10.♖c2 b6 11.♙e2 ♙a6 12.O-O ♙xe2 13.♖xe2

13.♚xe2 - 146/146

13...O-O 14.e4 ♖ac8 15.e5N

15.♚c2

15...♖fe8

15...h6 16.♚c2! (16.♙xh6!? gxh6 17.♖e3 ♗g7 18.♗h4 ♙e7 19.♖g3+ ♗h7 20.♚h5↑) 16...hxg5
(16...♖fe8 17.♙d2 c5 18.d5! exd5 19.♙xh6! ♗f8 (19...gxh6 20.e6+-) 20.♙xg7! ♗xg7 21.♗g5 ♖c6
22.h4 c4 23.♚f5 f6 24.♗f3±) 17.♗xg5 g6 18.♗xe6! ♖fe8 19.♗g5 ♗f8 20.♗e4 ♙e7 21.f4±

16.♗d2

16.♖e3!? ♙e7 17.♚c2 ♖cd8 (17...c5? 18.d5 exd5 19.♚f5 ♖cd8 20.e6+-) 18.h4 h6 19.♙xe7 ♖xe7
20.♗d2±

16...♙f8

16...f6 17.♗c4 ♚a6 (17...♚xc3? 18.♖c2 ♚b4 19.exf6 gxf6 20.♙h6 ♗h8 21.♚f3+-) 18.♗xa3 fxg5
19.♗b1 ♖ed8 20.♖d2 ♗f8 21.♚g4±

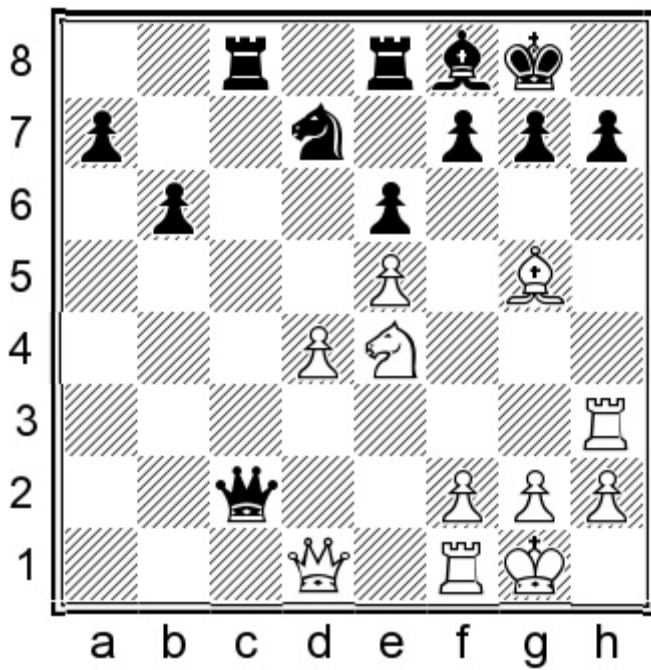
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17.♖e3 f6 18.♙f4 (18.♙xf6 gxf6 19.♚g4+ ♙g7 20.♗c4 ♚a6 21.♗d6 ♖e7 22.♚h4 ♖f8 23.f4∞)
18...fxe5 (18...f5 19.♗f3 ♚xa2 20.♗g5 h6 21.♗h3 g6 22.♖g3±) 19.♙xe5 c5 20.♚b3 cxd4 21.♙xd4±

17...c5 18.♖e3 cxd4 19.cxd4 ♔xa2?

19...♖c4 20.♙f6 (20.♔g4 ♖xd4 21.♘f6+ ♘xf6 22.♔xd4 ♙c5 23.♔c3 ♙xe3 24.♔xa5 bxa5 25.♙xe3 ♘d5 26.♙xa7 ♖c8) 20...♔d5 21.♔h5 h6 22.♙xg7 ♙xg7 23.♘d6 ♖e7 24.♔h4 f6 25.♘xc4 ♔xc4

20.♖h3 ♔c2



21.♔g4!+- ♔h8 22.♔h4 h6 23.♔g4 ♘xe5

23...b5 24.♙xh6 gxf6 25.♖g3

24.dxe5 ♖c4 25.♙xh6 1-0

D75-D99

147. D77

Banusz, Tamas (2631) - Sadhwani, Raunak (2555)

Biel (open) 149/147, 2021

1.♞f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♙g2 ♙g7 4.d4 ♞f6 5.O-O O-O 6.c4 dxc4 7.♞a3 c5 8.dxc5 c3 9.♞b5 ♞a6
10.♞xc3 ♞xc5 11.♙e3 ♞fe4 12.♞xe4 ♞xe4 13.♙d4 ♙f5

13...♙xd4 - 135/150

14.e3 ♞e8N

14...♙g4

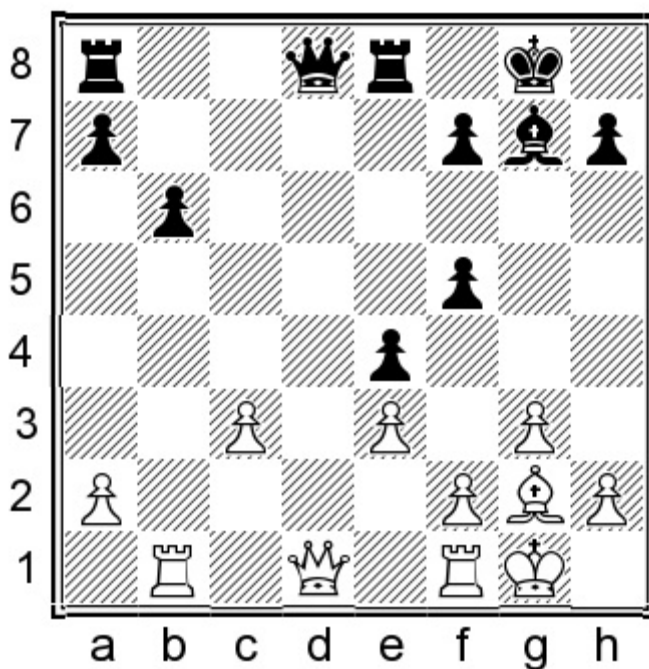
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♞15...♙xd4 16.♞xf5 ♙xb2 17.♞h6+ ♔g7 18.♞xf7 ♚xd1 19.♞axd1 ♞c5 20.♞g5 ♞ad8 21.♞b1 ♞d2
22.♞f3 ♞e2 23.♞d4 ♞d2 24.♞fd1 ♞xd1+ 25.♞xd1±

16.♞xf5 gxf5 17.♙c3 ♞xc3 18.bxc3 e4

♞18...♚xd1 19.♞fxd1 ♞e7 20.♞ab1 ♞b8 21.♞d6 ♞c7 22.c4 f4 (22...♞xc4?! 23.♞d7±) 23.♙d5±

19.♞b1 b6



20.♞b5! ♚xd1

20...♞e5 21.c4 ♚xd1 22.♞xd1 ♞xb5 23.cxb5 a6 24.a4 axb5 25.axb5 ♞a1 26.♞xa1 ♙xa1 27.♙h3±

21.♞xd1 ♞ad8

21...♞e5 22.♞dd5 ♞ae8 23.c4±

22.♞xd8 ♞xd8 23.♞xf5 ♞d1+ 24.♙f1 ♙xc3 25.♙g2 ♞d7 26.♞f4 ♞e7 27.♙c4 ♙g7 28.♙d5 ♞d7
29.♙xe4 ♞d2 30.a4 h6 31.♙b7 ♞b2 32.♙d5 f6 33.♞c4

33.♞g4+ ♙f8 34.♞g6 ♙e7 35.♞xh6 ♙e1 36.h4 ♞xf2+ 37.♙h3 ♙d6 38.e4±

33...♙e1 34.♞c7+ ♙h8 35.♙h3+- ♞d2

35...♞xf2 36.♙g4 ♞xh2 37.♙f5 ♙xg3 38.♞xa7 ♞h4 39.♙e6+-

36.♞d7 ♞xf2 37.♙g4 ♞xh2 38.♙f5 ♞h3 39.g4 ♞g3 40.♙e6 1-0

148. D78

Osipov, Anatoly V - Avotins, Maigonis
corr 149/148, 2019

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.♙g2 d5 5.♘f3 ♙g7 6.♞b3 O-O 7.O-O ♞b6 8.♘c3 ♞d8 9.♘a4 ♞xb3
10.axb3 ♘a6! 11.♘c3 ♘c7 12.♙f4 [- 124/(152)]

12.♙d2 ♙e6 13.♞a4 ♙f5 14.♞c1 ♘e4 15.♙f4 ♘e6 16.♙e3 ♘f6 17.♘e5=

12...♘ce8?!N

12...♘fe8 13.♞fc1 ♘e6 14.cxd5 ♘xf4 15.gxf4 cxd5 16.♘e5 e6 17.♘b5 ♙d7 18.♘xa7 ♘d6 19.e3 ♙e8
20.♙f1 h6 21.b4 g5 22.fxg5 hxg5 23.b5 f6 24.♘d3 e5 25.♘c5 ♙f7 26.b6 exd4 27.exd4 f5 28.♞a4 ♘c4
29.♙xc4 dxc4 30.♘xb7 ♞db8 31.♘d6 ♞xb6 32.♘xf7 ♙xf7 33.♞cxc4 ♞xb2 34.♞c7+ ♙g8 35.♞c8+
♞xc8 36.♘xc8 ♙f7 37.♞a7+ ♙f8 38.♘d6 f4 39.♙g2 ♞xf2+ 40.♙xf2 ♙xd4+=

13.♘a4 ♙e6 14.♘c5 ♙c8 15.♞fc1 ♘e4 16.b4 ♘xc5

16...h6 17.h4 ♘xc5 18.bxc5 ♙e6 19.e3 dxc4 20.♘d2 f6 21.g4 ♙xg4 22.♘xc4 e5 23.dxe5 ♙e6 24.exf6
♙xf6 25.♙e4 ♙f7 26.♙xh6 ♙xh4±

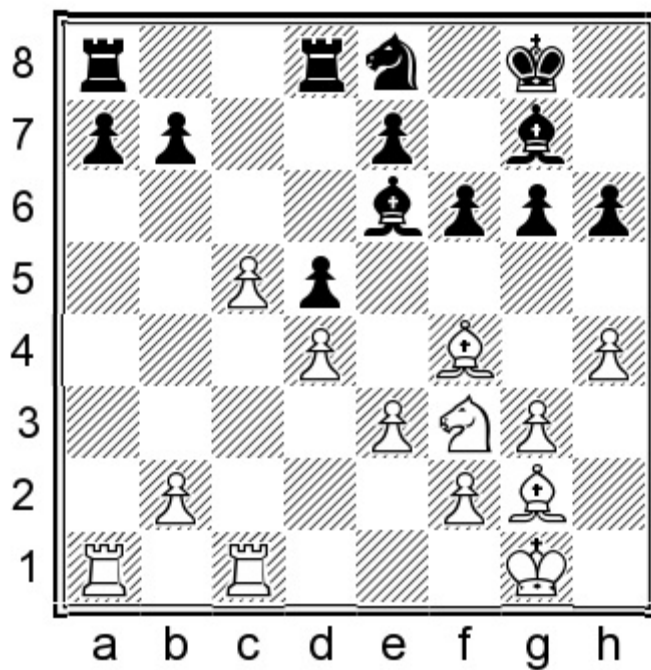
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26.♞xb7 hxg5 27.hxg5 e4 28.♙xe4 ♞xb2 29.♞d7 ♞d2 30.♞xa5 ♞xa5 31.♞xd2±; 18...f6 19.h4 dxc4
20.♘d2 a5 21.♙f1 h6 22.g4 ♙xg4 23.♘xc4 a4 24.♞a3 g5 25.♙g3 e5 26.dxe5 (26.hxg5 hxg5 27.dxe5
fxe5 28.♘xe5 (28.♙xe5 ♙e6 29.♞ca1 ♙xe5 30.♘xe5 ♞d5 31.♘f3=)) 26...fxe5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.♘xe5
(28.♙xe5 ♙d1 29.♞ca1 ♙xe5 30.♘xe5=) 28...♙e6 29.♙c4 ♙d5 30.b3 ♘f6 31.bxa4 ♘e4 32.♘d3 ♘xg3
33.fxg3=

19.cxd5 cxd5

19...♙xd5 20.g4 g5 21.♙g3 ♘f6 22.h3 ♘e4 23.♙h2±

20.h4 f6



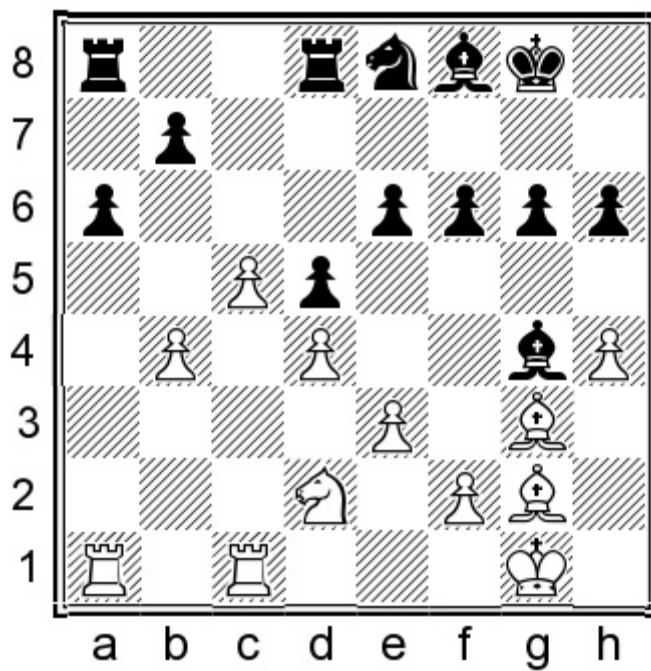
21.g4! ♜xg4 22.♙g3 ♜f8

♞22...♙d7 23.h5 gxh5 24.♞h4 e6 25.♙f3 a5 26.♚h2 a4±

23.b4± a6

♞23...e6 24.♞a5 a6

24.♞d2 e6



25.♞b3! g5

25...♙e2 26.♞a5 ♞a7 27.♞a2 ♙d3 (27...♙b5 28.♙f1 ♙xf1 29.♚xf1 ♞g7 30.♞ca1 ♞f5 31.♞b3 ♞aa8±)

28.♙f1 ♙xf1 29.♖xf1 ♜g7 30.♞ca1 ♜f5 31.♜b3±

26.♙f1 ♙f3 27.♙d3

27.♜d2 ♙g4 (27...♙h5) 28.♜b3 gxf4 29.♙xf4 h5 30.♙d3 ♙f5 31.♙e2 ♙g6 32.♙g3 ♖h7+-

27...♙e4 28.♙e2 ♜g7 29.hxf5 hxf5 30.♙h2 g4 31.♙xg4 ♙d3 32.♞c3

32.♖g2 ♞d7 33.♞c3 ♙b5 34.♞h1 ♜f5 35.♙xf5 (35.♙f4 ♞ad8 36.♖f3 ♞h7 37.♞xh7 (37.♙xf5 exf5 38.♞xh7 ♖xh7 39.♞c1+-) 37...♖xh7 38.♙xf5+ exf5 39.♞c1+-) 35...exf5 36.♞cc1 ♞h7 (36...♞ad8 37.♖f3 ♞h7 38.♞cg1+ ♖f7 39.♙f4 ♞xh1 40.♞xh1+-) 37.♞cg1 ♙d3 38.♙g3 ♞xh1 39.♞xh1 ♞e8 40.♜c1 ♙c4+-

32...♙b5 33.♖g2 ♞d7

33...♙e7 34.♞h1 ♞d7 35.♙f4 ♞e8 36.♞cc1 ♙c4 37.♜a5 ♙d3 38.f3 ♙g6 39.♖f2 ♖f7+-

34.♙f4 ♞e8 35.♞h1 ♞e7 36.♞cc1 ♜f5 37.f3 ♞h7 38.♖f2 ♞xh1 39.♞xh1 ♜g7 40.♙h6 ♖f7 41.♜a5 ♙d3 42.♞d1 ♙c2

42...♙g6 43.♞h1 ♙d3 44.♙f4 ♖g8 45.♞g1 ♖f7 46.♞c1 ♙b5 47.♞h1±

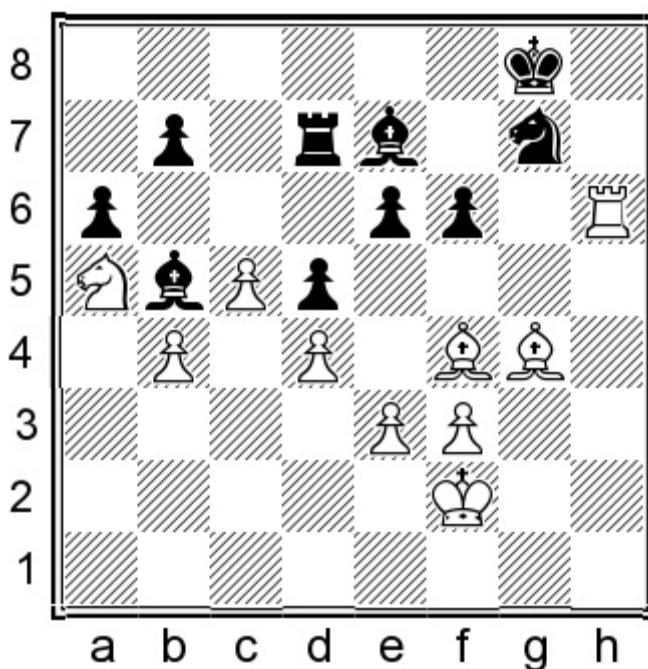
43.♞g1 ♙d3 44.♞h1 ♙g6

44...♙c2± Δ 45.♙f4 ♙d3

45.♞c1+-

45.♙f4 ♙f5 46.♖e2 ♙xg4 47.fxf4 ♜e8+-

45...♙d3 46.♙f4 ♙b5 47.♞h1 ♖g8 48.♞h6 ♙e7



49.♞g6! f5 50.♙h3

50.♔h5? ♔h4+ 51.♕g1±

50...♔h4+ 51.♔g3! ♔d8 52.♔e5 ♖f7 53.♔f1 ♔xf1 54.♕xf1 ♕h7 55.♖g1 f4 56.♔xf4 ♖f5

♘56...♖h5 57.♖h1 ♕g6

57.♖b3 ♖e7 58.♖c1 ♖c6 59.♖d3 ♔f6 60.♕e2 ♖e7 61.♔g5

61.♖b1 ♕g7 62.♔d6 ♖d7 63.♔e5 ♕f7 64.♖h1+-

61...♕g6 62.♔h4+ ♕f7 63.♖g4 ♔xh4 64.♖xh4 ♕g7 65.♕d2 ♖f7 66.♖f4 ♖e7 67.♕c3 ♕f6 68.♕b3
♖f7 69.♖h6+ ♕g5 70.♖g6+ ♕f5 71.♖xe6 ♖xd4+ 72.exd4 ♕xf4 73.♖e5 ♖d7 74.♕a4 ♕xf3 75.b5 1-0

149. D78

Belous, Vladimir (2520) - Gledura, Benjamin (2633)

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♖f3 ♖f6 4.♖c3 dxc4 5.g3 g6 6.♔g2 ♔g7 7.O-O O-O 8.a4 a5

8...♖a6 - 73/525

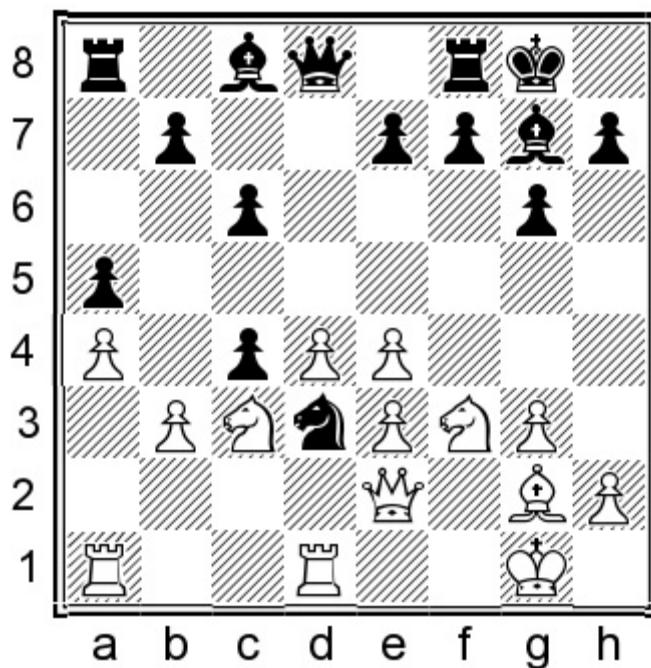
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11...♔g4!? 12.h3 (12.♔e3 e5! 13.♖xc4 (13.dxe5 ♖d7 14.h3 ♔xf3 15.♔xf3 ♖e7 16.♖xc4 ♖xe5
17.♖e2 ♖xf3+ 18.♖xf3 ♖c2 19.♖ac1 ♖xe3 20.♖xe3 ♖ad8±) 13...♖d7 14.♖e2 ♖e7 15.♖d2 ♔xf3
16.♔xf3 exd4 17.♔xd4 ♖ad8±) 12...♔xf3 13.♔xf3 ♖d3 14.♔e3 e5! 15.dxe5 ♖d7 16.♔g2 ♖7xe5 17.f4
♖d7 18.e5 ♖e7∞

12.♔e3N

12.h3 ♖b6 13.♖b1 ♖xc1 14.♖bxc1 ♖d8 15.♖xc4 ♔e6 16.d5 cxd5 17.exd5 ♖ac8 18.♖e2 ♔d7

12...♖g4± 13.b3 ♖xe3 14.fxe3



14...e5! 15.bxc4

15.d5 cxd5 16.♖xd5 ♕e6 17.bxc4 ♘c5±

15...♘b4 16.c5?!

16.♘xe5?! ♕xe5 17.dxe5 ♖g5±; 16.h3 ♖e7 17.d5 ♕d7 18.♞ac1 ♘a6 19.♔h2 ♘c5 20.♞a2 ♔h8±

16...b6

16...♕g4!? 17.d5 cxd5 18.♘xd5 (18.exd5 ♞c8-+) 18...♘xd5 19.♞xd5 ♖e7 20.♞b5 ♞fc8 21.♞c1 ♞c7±

17.cxb6

17.d5 cxd5 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.♞xd5 ♖c7 20.♞b5 bxc5 21.♞xc5 ♖b7±

17...♞xb6 18.♞f2 ♕g4 19.♞d2 f5! 20.♞ad1

20.dxe5?! ♖c5 21.♞c1 fxe4-+

20...♞ae8 21.♞e2 ♔h8 22.h3 exd4

22...♕xf3 23.♞xf3 (23.♕xf3 exd4 24.exd4 c5!-+) 23...fxe4 24.♞e2 exd4 25.♘xe4 ♘d5 26.exd4 ♘c3-+

23.exd4 fxe4

23...♕xf3 24.♞xf3 fxe4 25.♞e3 ♘d3-+

24.♘xe4 ♕f5 25.♘h4 ♖c7 26.♞e3 ♕f6

26...♞xe4 27.♕xe4 ♞e8-+; 26...♞f6 27.♞e1 ♞fe6-+

27.♞f1 ♘d5 28.♞d3 ♕xh4 29.gxh4 ♘f4 0-1

150. * D82**Hungaski, Robert Andrew (2514) - Ivic, Velimir (2582)****Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/150, 2021**

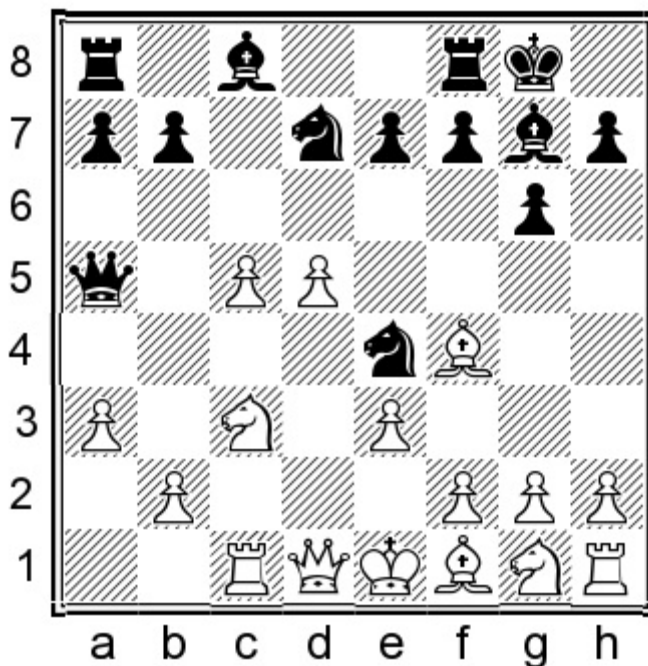
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8...♞d8 - 67/537, D 83; 8...♘e4

9.a3

9.♙c4 ♘xc5 10.♘e2 ♙d7= - 147/151

9...♘e4



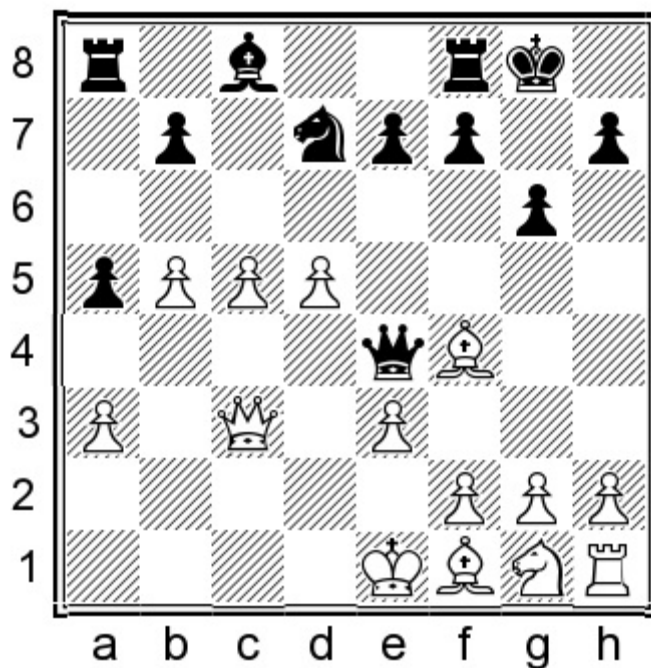
10.b4N

10.♘e2

10...♙xc3+!N

10...♘xc3 - 149/(150) 11.bxa5 ♘xd1 12.♙xd1± Timofeev,A (2594) -Wagner,D (2581) tornelo.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(150) 2021

11.♞xc3 ♘xc3 12.♚a1 ♚a4 13.♞xc3 a5! 14.b5 ♚e4!



15.f3

15.♘h6?! ♚b1+! 16.♙e2 ♜f6↑ Δ Rd8, Qb5

15...♙xd5 16.♘h6 e5! 17.♘xf8 ♜xf8 18.c6 bxc6 19.bxc6 ♜c5 20.♘c4 ♙xc6= 21.♜e2 ♙d6 22.O-O ♘e6 23.♘xe6 ♜xe6 24.f4 ♙c5 25.♙xe5 ♙xe5 26.fxe5 ♜d8 27.♜f4 ♜xf4 28.exf4 ♜d3 29.♞f3 ♞xf3 30.gxf3 ♜e7 31.♜f2 ♜e6 32.♜g3

32.a4!?

32...♜f5 33.a4 h6 34.h3 g5 35.fxg5 hxg5 36.h4 gxh4+ 37.♜xh4 ♜f4

37...♜xe5 38.♜g5 ♜d4 39.♜f6 ♜e3=

38.♜h5 ♜xf3 39.♜g5 ♜e4 40.♜f6 ♜f4 41.♜xf7 ♜xe5 42.♜g6 ♜d4 43.♜f5 ♜c4 44.♜e4 ♜b4 45.♜d3 ♜xa4 46.♜c2 ♜b4 1/2-1/2

151. D85

Xiong, Jeffery (2709) - Grandelius, Nils (2661)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/151, 2021

1.d4 ♜f6 2.♜f3 g6 3.c4 ♘g7 4.♜c3 d5 5.cxd5 ♜xd5 6.e4 ♜xc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.♞b1 O-O 9.♘e2 ♘g4 10.♞xb7 cxd4 11.♜xd4N

11.cxd4 - 37/(517)

11...♙c8!

11...♘xe2 12.♜xe2 ♙c8 13.♞xe7 (13.♞b3 - 11...Qc8) 13...♘f6 14.♙d5 ♘xe7 15.♙xa8 ♘f6 16.f3 ♙a6 17.♙d5 ♜c6 18.♜f2 ♜d8 19.♙b3 ♜e5 20.♜f4 ♜d3+ 21.♜xd3 ♞xd3 22.♘e3 ♞xc3 23.♙b1 h5=

12.♞b3 ♘xe2 13.♜xe2 ♜c6

␣13...♖d8 14.♚c2 a5 15.O-O ♜c4 16.♘f4 ♘d7 17.♙e3 e6

14.O-O ♖d8 15.♚c2 ♘e5 16.h3 ♜c6

16...a5 17.♙g5 ♜c5 (17...♖d7 18.♖d1 h6 19.♖xd7 ♜xd7 20.♙f4 ♘c4 21.♖b8+ ♖xb8 22.♙xb8 a4) 18.♙e3 ♜c4

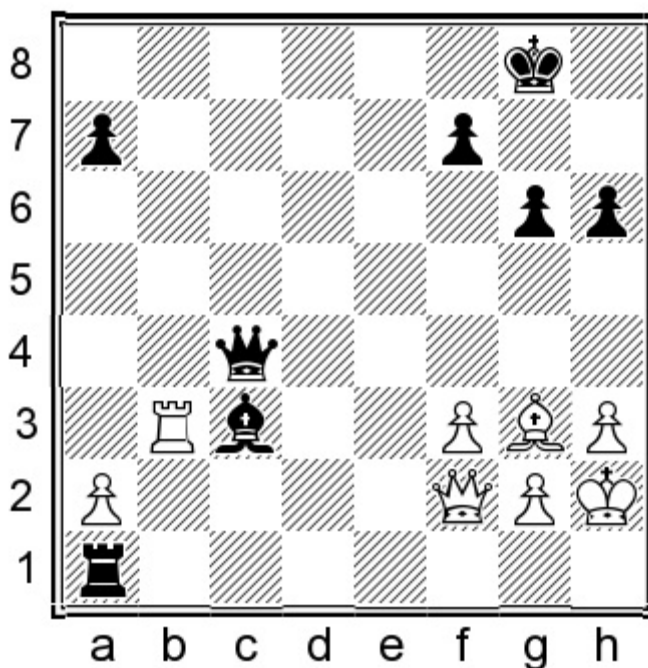
17.♙g5 ♖d7 18.♖d1 h6 19.♖xd7 ♜xd7 20.♙h4 ♖d8

20...♘c4 21.♘d4 ♖c8 22.♘f3 ♘a5 (22...♘e5 23.♘d2 a5 24.♙g3 ♜d3 25.♚xd3 ♘xd3 26.♖b8 ♖xb8 27.♙xb8 ♙xc3=) 23.♖a3 ♘c4=

21.♘d4 ♘c6 22.♘xc6 ♜xc6 23.♙xe7 ♖e8 24.♙h4 ♖xe4= 25.♙g3 ♖e1+

25...h5 26.♜d3 ♙f6 (26...h4? 27.♙xh4 ♖xh4 28.♜d8++-) 27.♜d6 ♖e1+ 28.♔h2 ♜xd6 29.♙xd6 ♖e2=

26.♔h2 ♜c4 27.f3 ♖a1 28.♜f2 ♙xc3?

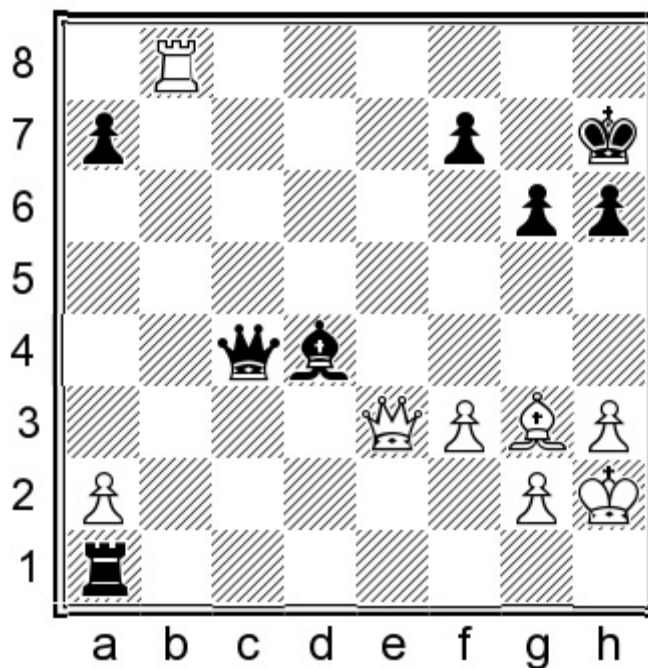


28...a5 29.♖b2 ♜xc3 30.♖c2 ♜b4 31.♜a7 ♜b1 32.♜b8+ ♜xb8 33.♙xb8=

29.♜e3! ♙d4

29...♜f1 30.♙f2! ♜h1+ (30...♙g7 31.♖b7 ♜c4 32.♜e8+ ♔h7 (32...♙f8 33.♖b8 ♜c7+ 34.f4! ♜d6 35.♖d8 ♜b4 (35...♜xf4+ 36.♙g3 ♜b4 37.♙d6+-) 36.♜e5 ♔h7 37.♙d4+-) 33.♜xf7+-) 31.♔g3 ♙e1 32.♖b8+ ♔h7 33.♖b7 ♙xf2+ 34.♜xf2+-

30.♖b8+ ♔h7



31.♙e5!+- 32.♚xe5 1-0

152. D85

Petrosyan, Manuel (2625) - Boskovic, Drasko (2451)

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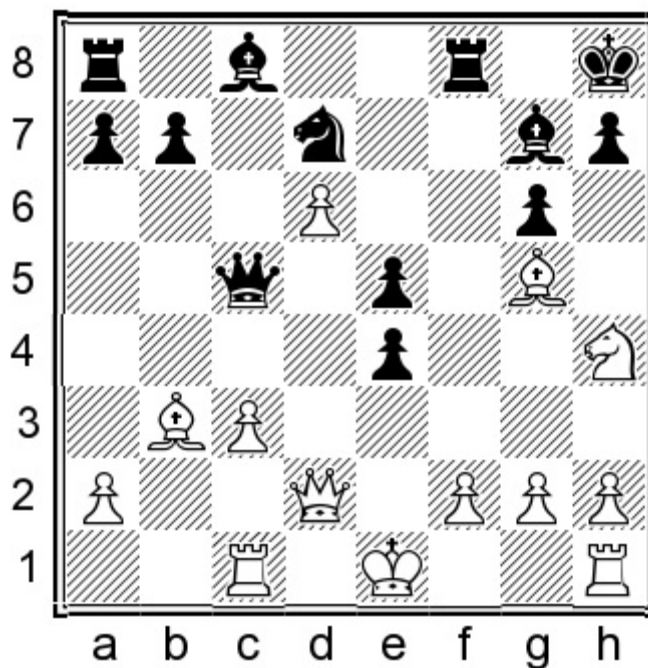
1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 g6 3.c4 ♙g7 4.♟c3 d5 5.cxd5 ♟xd5 6.e4 ♟xc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.♙e3 ♞a5 9.♞d2 O-O
10.♞c1 ♟d7 11.♙d3 e5 12.d5 f5 13.♙g5

13.♞e2 - 145/145

13...c4 14.♙xc4 fxe4 15.d6+

15.♟h4 ♞c5 16.♙b3 ♙f6 17.O-O (17.d6+ ♔h8 - 15.d6) 17...♞d6 18.♞fe1 ♟c5

15...♔h8 16.♟h4 ♞c5 17.♙b3



17...Qf6!

17...Nf6 18.O-O Qd7 19.Qe3 Bc8 20.c4±

18.Qc3N

18.O-O Qxg5 19.Bxg5 Bxd6 20.Bh6 Bf6 21.f4 Bb6+ (21...Bg7 22.Bg5 Bf6=) 22.Ch1 Bf6 23.h3 (23.Ch1 Bb6+=) 23...Bg7 24.Bg5 Bf6 25.Bxf6+ Bxf6 26.fxe5 Bxf1+ 27.Bxf1 Nxe5 28.Bf8+ Ch7 29.Be8 Nc6 30.Qd5 e3 31.Nf3 Bb8 32.Bxe3 Qd7=

18...Bc6 19.g3

19.Qh6 Qg7 (19...Qxh4?? 20.Qxf8 Nxf8 21.Bh6+-) 20.O-O Nc5 21.f3 Qd7 22.fxe4 Nxe4 23.Qxg7+ Ch7 24.Qe3 Bb6 25.Qxb6 axb6 26.Nf3 Qc6 27.Nxe5 Bxf1+ 28.Bxf1 Nxd6=

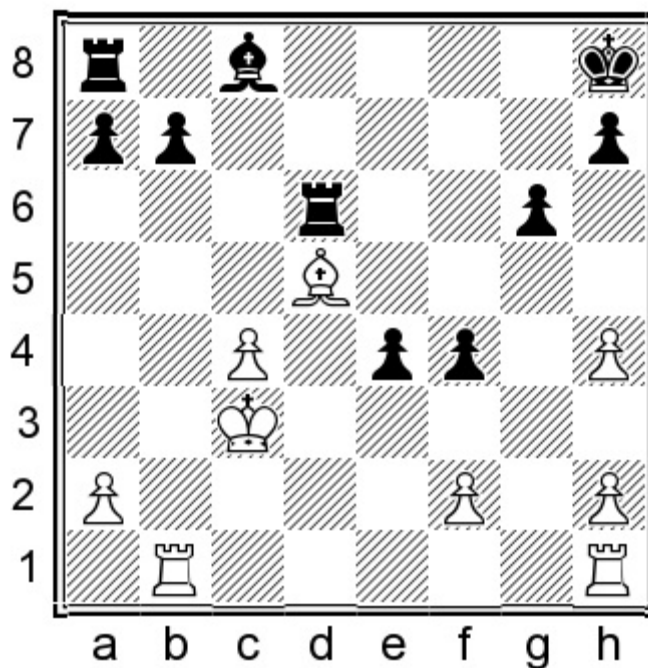
19...Qxh4 20.gxh4 Nc5 21.Bd5

21.Qxc5 Bxc5 22.Bg1 (22.d7?? Qxd7 23.Bxd7 Bxf2+ 24.Ch1 Bxd8+-) 22...Bf4 23.h5 Qf5±

21...Nd3+ 22.Ch2 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Bd8

23...Nxc1 24.Bxc1 Bf6 25.Qc5 Ch7±

24.Bb1 Bxd6 25.c4 Nf4! 26.Qxf4 exf4 27.Ch3



27...♙e6! 28.♙xb7?!

28.♙xe6 ♜xe6 29.♞xb7 e3 30.fxe3 ♞xe3+ (30...fxe3 31.♞e1 e2 32.♞d7=) 31.♞b4 a5+ 32.♞b5 ♞c8

28...♞d3+ 29.♞c2 ♞ad8 30.c5

30.♙xe4 ♞3d4 31.♙d5 ♙xd5 32.cxd5 ♞c8+ 33.♞b2 ♞xd5 34.♞hd1 ♞h5--

30...♞d2+ 31.♞c1 ♞8d4

31...♞xf2 32.♞b2 ♞xb2 33.♞xb2 e3--

32.a3 e3 33.fxe3 fxe3 34.♞b4 ♞4d3 35.♙e4 ♞c3+ 36.♞b1 e2 0-1

153. D85

Petrov, Nikita (2552) - Zakhartsov, Vladimir (2506)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♙g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♞b1 O-O 9.♙e2 ♞a5
10.O-O ♞xa2 11.♙g5 ♞e6 12.♞e1

12.♞c2 - 64/435

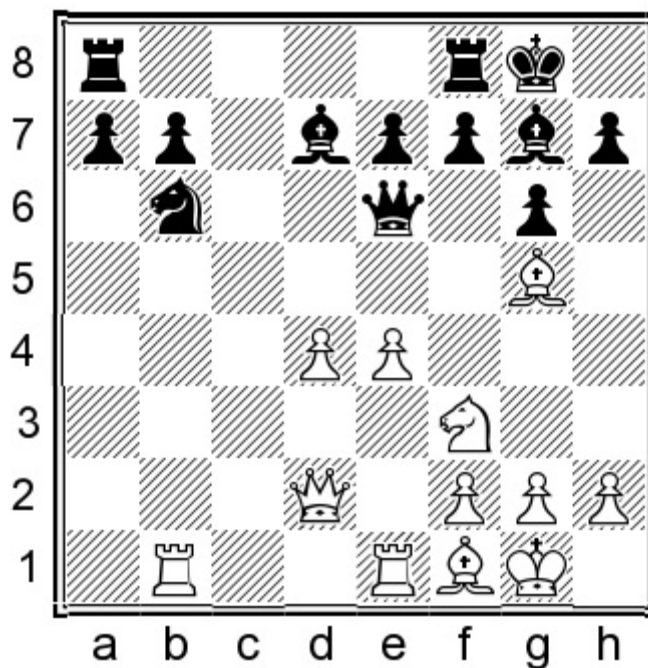
12...♘d7 13.♙f1N

13.♞a4; 13.♞d2

13...cxd4

13...b6 14.♞d2 ♙b7 15.♙f4 ♘f6 16.d5 ♞d7 17.♙b5 ♞c8 18.c4±

14.cxd4 ♘b6 15.♞d2 ♙d7



16. f4! a4

16... c4 17. xc4 xc4 18. xb7 fd8 (18... c6 19. b2±) 19. e5 xe5 20. xe5 f6 21. c7 dc8 22. g3±

17. d5 d7 18. h6

18. e5!? d8 19. ec1 c8 20. xc8 xc8 21. c1 d8 22. a2±

18... d6 19. xg7

19. h4 xh6 20. xh6 xf6 21. h5 g7 22. f4±

19... xg7 20. d4+

20. h4 f6 (20... e5 21. h5 fc8 22. h6+ g8 23. a5 d7 24. e3±) 21. b4 e8 22. d4 d7 23. b5±

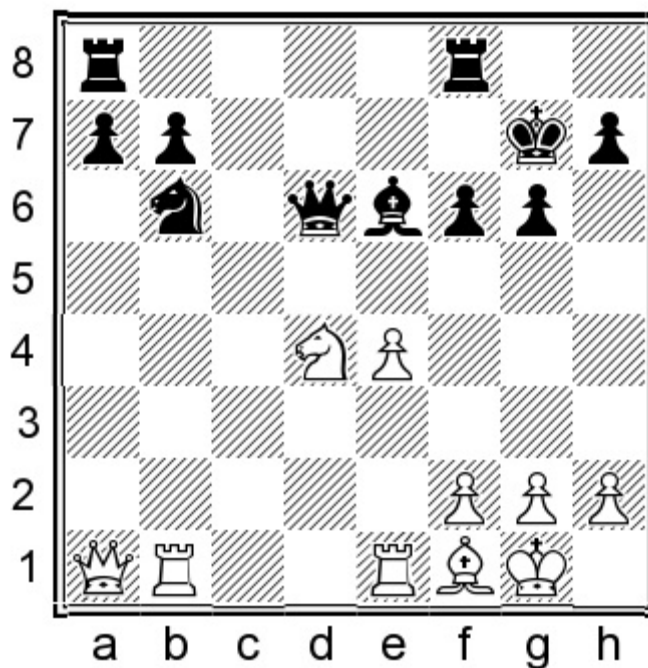
20... f6 21. a1 d7 22. d4

22. e5! xd5 (22... fe5 23. xe5 g8 24. h3 f5 (24... xd5 25. bd1+-) 25. b3 xd5 26. be3 ad8 27. xa7±) 23. exf6+ exf6 24. e7+ g8 (24... f7? 25. xf7+ xf7 26. xb6+-; 24... h8 25. d1 f5 26. d6±) 25. d1 f5 26. c4+! h8 27. d6 ac8 28. f1 ce8 29. d4±

22... e5?

22... g8 23. a2 a5 24. b5±

23. dx6 xe6



24.e5! fxe5 25.♘b5 ♔d8 26.♖xe5 ♕f7 27.♖be1

27.♖xe6 ♕xe6 28.♖d1 ♔h4 29.g3 ♔a4 30.♙h3+ ♖f5 31.♙xf5+ ♕xf5 32.♖d5+! ♕e6 33.♖d6+ ♕f7 34.♖f6+ ♕g8 35.♖e6+ ♕f8 36.♖e5 ♖c4 37.♘c7+-

27...♙d5 28.♖e7+ ♖xe7 29.♖xe7+ ♕xe7 30.♘c7

30.♖e5+ ♕f7 31.♘d6+ ♕g8 32.h4+-

30...♕d6 31.♘xa8 ♖xa8 32.♖a3+ ♕c6 33.♖c3+ ♕d6 34.♖b4+ ♕e6 35.♙e2 ♖e8 36.h4+- ♕d7 37.♖a5 ♕c7 38.♙d3 ♕b8 39.♖c3 ♙c6 40.♖g7 ♖d8 41.♙e2 ♖d7 42.♖e5+ ♖c7 43.♖h8+

43.f4 a6 44.h5 ♘d7 45.♖d4+-

43...♘c8 44.♖e5 b6 45.f4 h5 46.f5 gxf5 47.♙xh5 ♕b7 48.♖xf5 b5 49.♙f3

49.♙e2 a6 50.h5 ♘d6 51.♖f6+-

49...♘d6 50.♙xc6+ ♕xc6 51.♖g6 b4 52.h5 b3 53.h6 ♕c5 54.h7 ♖c8 55.♖g7 ♕b4 56.♖d7 b2 57.♖xd6+ ♕b3 58.♖d1+ ♕b4 59.♕h2 a5 60.♖g4+ ♖c4 61.h8=♖

61.♖g5 b1=♖ (61...♖c8 62.♖e7+ ♕c3 63.♖f6+ ♕b3 64.♖e6++-) 62.h8=♖+-

61...♖xg4 62.♖xb2+ ♕a4 63.♖c2+ ♕b4 64.♖d2+ 1-0

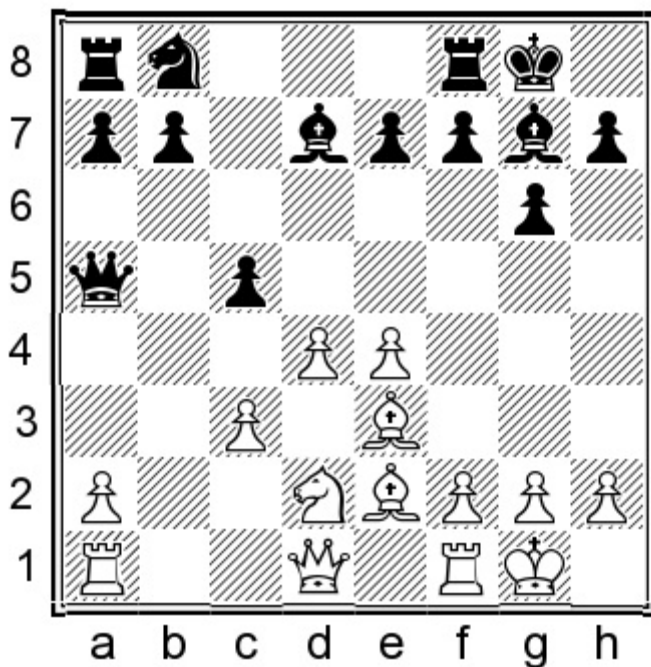
154. * IN D85

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782) - Giri, Anish (2776)
Zagreb (rapid) 149/154, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♙g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♙e3 ♖a5 9.♘d2 O-O 10.♙e2 ♙d7

10...b6 - 141/146

11.O-O



11...♙a4!N

11...b6

12.♘b3 - 149/154

12.♙b1N cxd4 13.cxd4 ♘c6 (13...♙xd4! 14.♘c4 (14.♙xd4?! ♙xd2 15.♙b2 ♙xb2 16.♙xb2 ♘c6) 14...♙d8 15.♙xd4 ♙xd4 16.♙xb7 ♘d7 17.♙a6 ♘c5 18.♙a5 ♙fc8=) 14.♘b3 (14.♙d1) 14...♙xb3 15.axb3 ♙d8 16.d5 ♘d4 17.♙d3± Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Giri,A (2776) Zagreb (blitz) 149/(154) 2021

12...♙xc3 13.♙c1 ♙b2 14.♙c2 ♙xb3

14...♙a3? 15.♙c1 ♙b4 16.♙c4 ♙b5 17.♙xc5 ♙b6 18.♙e3 ♘d7 19.♙c3 ♙fc8 20.♙d2 ♙xc3 21.♙xc3 e6 22.♙c1 ♙c6 23.♙f3±

15.axb3 ♙xb3 16.♙xc5

16.dxc5?! a5 17.♙c4 ♙a4 18.♙e2 ♘c6 19.♙b1 ♘b4

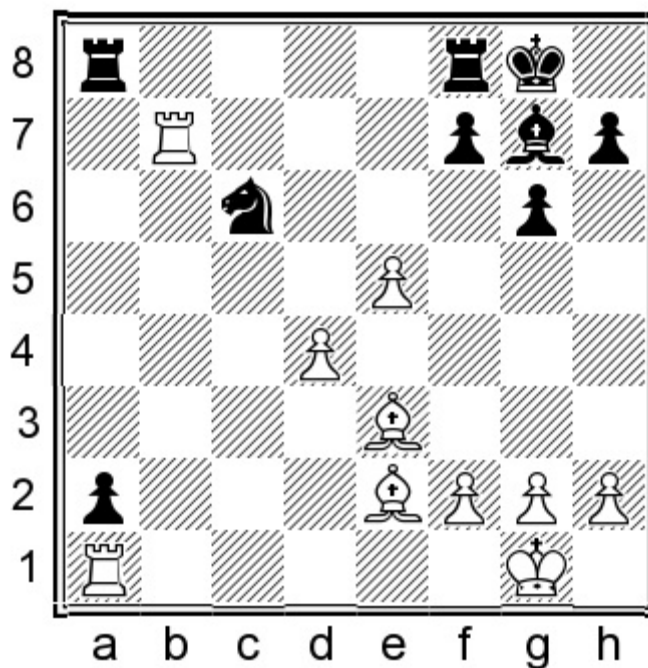
16...♙xd1 17.♙xd1 a5! 18.♙c7 a4 19.♙xe7 a3 20.♙xb7 ♘c6

20...a2 21.♙a1 ♘c6 22.♙b2 ♙xd4 23.♙xd4 ♘xd4 24.♙f1±

21.e5

21.♙f1 ♙fb8 22.♙xb8+ ♙xb8 23.♙c4 ♙b2 24.♙a1 ♘xd4 25.♙d1 ♘e6 26.♙d2=

21...a2 22.♙a1



22...Nxe5! 23.Bb2

23.dxe5? Qxe5--

23...Nc6= 24.Bxa2 Nxd4

24...Bxa2 25.Bxa2 Qxd4 26.Qh6 Qg7=

25.Qxd4 Bxa2 26.Bxa2 Qxd4 27.Qf3 Bc8 28.Ba8 Bxa8 29.Qxa8 Qc5 30.Qb7 Qd4 31.Qa8 Qc5
32.Qb7 Qd4 33.Qa8 1/2-1/2

155. D85

Polak, Tomas (2553) - Erdos, Viktor (2614)

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Qg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb1 O-O 9.Qe2 cxd4
10.cxd4 Wxa5+ 11.Qd2 Wxa2 12.O-O Qg4 13.Qe3 Nc6 14.Bxb7 Bxb8 15.Bxb8 Bxb8 16.h3

16.d5 Ne5 17.Qf4 (17.Nd2 Qxe2 18.Wxe2 a5 19.Bc1 a4) 17...Qxf3 18.Qxf3 a5

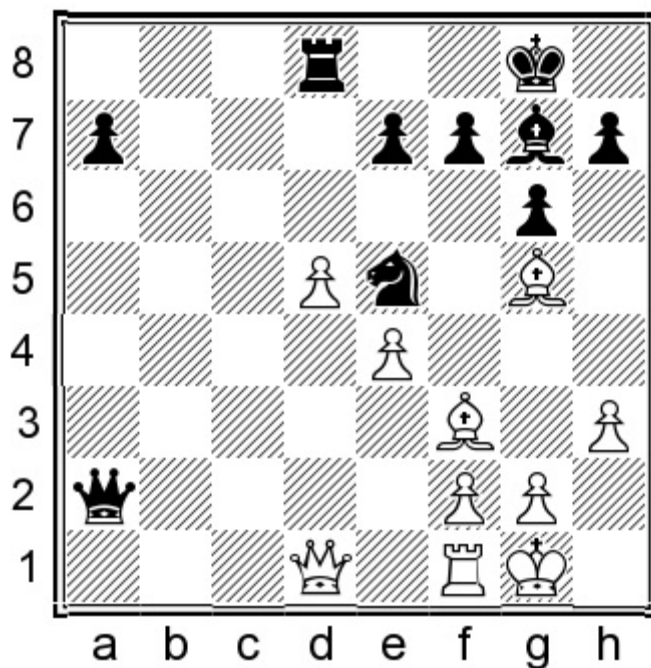
16...Qxf3

16...Qd7 17.d5 Ne5 18.Qf4 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3 Bb2 (19...Bc8 20.Qg4) 20.d6 (20.Wc1 Bc2) 20...exd6
21.Wxd6 Bb7! 22.e5 Bb1 23.Wxd7 Bxf1+ 24.Qxf1 Wc4+ 25.Qg1 Wxf4=

17.Qxf3 Bb8

17...Nxd4? 18.Qxd4 Bb8 19.Wa1+-

18.d5 Ne5 19.Qg5



19.♙c1 - 71/491

19...♘f6! 20.♙xf6 exf6 21.♙d4 ♜b8 22.♞a1

22.♙d1 ♜b2 (22...a5!?) 23.♙a4 a5∞

22...♞b1+ 23.♞xb1 ♙xb1+ 24.♙d1

24.♙h2 ♘xf3+ 25.gxf3 ♙b6 26.♙d2 (26.♙xb6? axb6 27.♙g3 ♙f8 28.♙f4 (28.f4 ♙e7 29.e5 g5-+) 28...♙e7 29.♙e3 ♙d6 30.♙d4 g5! 31.♙c4 f5 32.♙b5 (32.exf5 b5+ 33.♙xb5 ♙xd5-+) 32...fxe4 33.fxe4 f5-+) 26...a5=

24...♙d3N

24...♙f8

25.♙a4?!

25.♙xd3 ♘xd3 26.♙f1 ♘c5 27.♙c2 a5 28.♙e2 ♙f8 29.♙d2 ♙e7 30.♙c3 ♙d6 31.♙c4 a4 32.♙b4 f5 33.exf5 ♙xd5 34.fxg6 fxg6 35.h4 ♙d4=

25...♙g7

25...a5 26.♙b3 ♙c3⚡

26.g3?!

26.♙f3 ♙b1+ 27.♙h2 ♙b6 28.♙g1 a5⚡ 29.♙e2 ♙b2 30.♙f1 ♙d2⚡

26...a5⚡ 27.♙g2 ♘c4 28.♙c2 ♙d4 29.♙f3

29.♙e2 ♘b6 30.♙c2 a4 31.♙a6 ♙b4-+

29...a4-+ 30.♖a2 ♘d2 31.♖a3 ♖c4 32.♖a1

32.♖e3 ♖f1+ 33.♙h2 ♖e1! 34.♙e2 a3 35.e5 ♘f1+ 36.♙xf1 ♖xe3 37.fxe3 a2

32...♖d3 33.♙g4 a3 0-1

156. * D86

Goryachkina, Aleksandra (2596) - Muzychuk, Anna (2527)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/156, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♙g7 7.♙c4 c5 8.♘e2 cxd4 9.cxd4 ♘c6
10.♙e3 ♖a5+ 11.♙d2 ♖a3 12.♖b1 O-O 13.O-O ♙g4 14.f3

14.d5 ♖c5N (14...b5 - 42/606) 15.♙d3 (15.dxc6 ♖xc4 16.f3 ♙e6 17.cxb7 ♖ad8 18.♖e1±) 15...♘e5
16.♙b4 ♖c7 17.h3 ♘xd3 18.♖xd3 ♙xe2 19.♖xe2 ♖fc8 20.♖e3 ♖d7 21.♖fd1± Tan,Z (2511)-Lagno,K
(2559) Krasnaya Polyana (m/ 1) 149/(156) 2021

14...♙e6 15.♙c1 ♖a5 16.♙xe6 fxe6 17.a4

17.♖xb7 ♖ab8! (17...♖fd8 18.♖b3 ♘xd4 19.♘xd4 ♙xd4+ 20.♙e3 ♙f7∞) 18.♖xb8 ♖xb8 19.♙e3
♖xa2∞

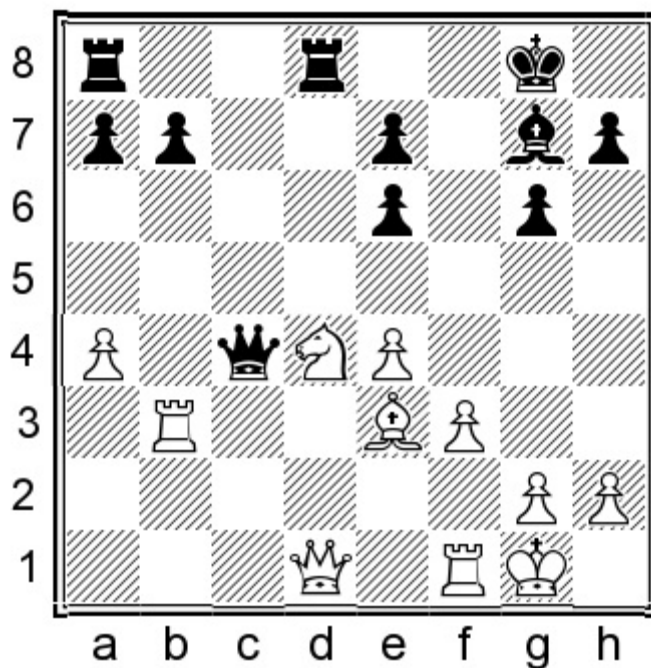
17...♘xd4N

17...♖fd8 18.♙e3 ♖a6 19.♖e1 ♖ac8 20.♖b3 ♘xd4 21.♙xd4 ♙xd4+ 22.♘xd4 ♖xd4 23.♖xb7 ♖xb7
24.♖xb7 ♖c2=

18.♘xd4 ♖fd8?

18...♖ad8 19.♙e3 ♖c3 20.♖b3 ♖c4 21.e5 ♙xe5 22.♖d3 (22.♖d3 ♖xd4 23.♙xd4 ♙xd4+ 24.♙h1 ♖c8
25.♖xc4 ♖xc4 26.♖xb7 ♙f7 27.a5 ♖a4∞) 22...♙f4! 23.♙f2 e5 24.♖e1 exd4 25.♖xe7 ♖f7 26.♖e4 ♖c1
27.♖xc1 ♙xc1 28.♖exd4 ♖xd4 29.♖xd4 b6=

19.♙e3 ♖c3 20.♖b3 ♖c4



21. ♖xb7?

21.e5! ♙xe5 22. ♖d3+-

21... ♙xd4 22. ♙xd4 ♖xd4?!

22... ♔f7! 23. ♚c1 ♚xd4+ 24. ♔h1 ♖d7=

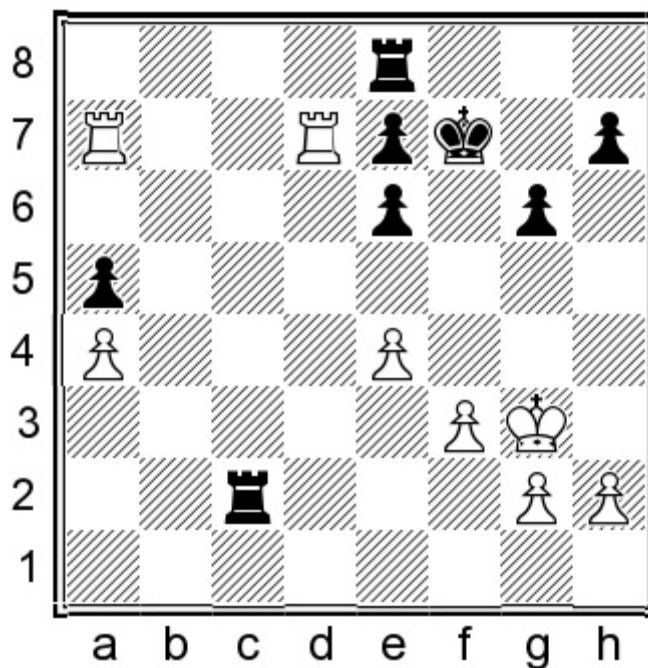
23. ♚c1 ♚e2?!

23... ♚xa4 24. ♖xe7 ♖e8 25. ♖c7 ♖d7 26.h3±

24. ♖e1

24. ♚g5 ♖d1 (24... ♖e8 25. ♖xe7 ♖xe7 26. ♚xe7 ♚e3+ 27. ♔h1 ♚b3 28.h4±) 25. ♖xd1 ♚xd1+ 26. ♔f2 ♖e8 27.a5 ♚d6 28.h4± (28. ♖xa7? ♖c8-+)

24... ♖c4 25. ♖xe2 ♖xc1+ 26. ♔f2 ♔f7 27. ♖d2 a5 28. ♖dd7 ♖e8 29. ♖a7 ♖c2+ 30. ♔g3



30...♖c5?

30...g5! 31.♖xa5 ♔f6 32.♔h3 h5 33.♔g3 (33.♖aa7 g4+ 34.fxg4 hxg4+ 35.♔xg4 ♖xg2+ 36.♔f4 ♖xh2=) 33...♖b8 34.♖b5 ♖a8 35.e5+ (35.♖db7 ♖xa4 36.♖7b6 h4+! (36...♖aa2? 37.♖f5+ ♔g7 38.♖xg5+ ♔f6 39.♖f5+ ♔g7 40.♖xe6 ♖xg2+ 41.♔f4+-) 37.♔h3 g4+! 38.fxg4 (38.♔xg4 ♖xg2+ 39.♔xh4 ♖xh2+=) 38...♖xe4 39.♖f5+ ♔g6 40.♖f3 ♖cc4=) 35...♔f7 36.♖bb7 ♖e8 37.a5 ♖a2 38.♖a7 h4+ 39.♔h3 ♖a4=

31.♖dc7 ♖xc7 32.♖xc7 ♖a8 33.♖c5 h6 34.♔f4

34.h4 ♖b8 35.♖xa5 ♖b4 36.♔f4+-

34...g5+ 35.♔g4 ♔f6

35...♔g6 36.h4 gxh4 37.♔xh4+-

36.h4 e5

36...gxh4 37.♔xh4 e5 38.♖c6+ e6 39.g4 ♖a7 40.♔h5+-

37.♖c6+ e6 38.h5

38.hxg5+ hxg5 39.♖c5 ♖a6 40.♖c8 ♖a7 41.♖g8+-

38...♖b8 39.♖c5 ♖a8 40.♔g3 ♖a7 41.♖b5 ♖a8 42.♖b7 g4 43.♔xg4

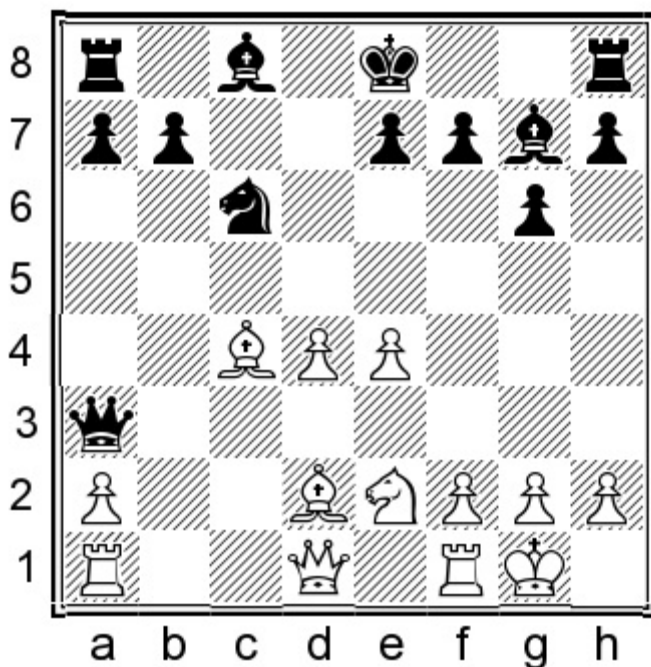
43.♔xg4 ♖g8+ 44.♔h3 ♖g5 45.g4 ♖g8 46.♖h7 ♔g5 47.♔g3 ♖a8 48.♖g7+ ♔f6 49.♖g6+ ♔f7 50.♖xh6+-

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157. !N D86

Gukesh, Dommaraju (2578) - Dubov, Daniil (2714)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♙g7 7.♙c4 c5 8.♘e2 ♘c6 9.♙e3 cxd4
10.cxd4 ♚a5+ 11.♙d2 ♚a3 12.O-O



12...♙g4!N

12...O-O - 33/(579)

13.f3

13.d5 ♘d4 14.♖b1 ♙c8 15.h3 ♙xc4 16.hxg4 ♚xa2 17.♖xb7 O-O∞

13...♙d7 14.♔h1 ♙c8 15.♙c1 O-O 16.♙c3 ♚b2

16...♚a5 17.♙c1 ♚a3 18.♙c3 ♚a5=

17.♖b3 ♚xa2 18.♘c3 ♚a5 19.♖xb7 ♚d8 20.♙b5 a6

20...♖b8!? 21.♖xb8 (21.♖xd7 ♚xd7 22.d5 ♖xb5 23.♘xb5 ♘e5 24.♚e2 ♖b8 25.♘d4 ♖b2↑) 21...♘xb8
22.♙xd7 (22.♙e3 ♙xb5 23.♘xb5 ♚b6 24.♚d3 a6 25.♘c3 e6=) 22...♘xd7 23.♙e3 ♘b6=

21.♙xa6 ♘xd4 22.♘d5 ♖a8 23.♙b4

23.♙e3 e5 24.♙c4 ♖b8=

23...♖xa6 24.♙xe7

24.♘xe7+ ♔h8 25.♘g6+ hxg6 26.♙xf8 ♚xf8 27.♖xd7 ♘e6∞

24...♚c8 25.♙xf8 ♔xf8 26.♚b1 ♘c6 27.♙c7 ♚d8 28.♚c1 ♙e5∞ 29.♖b7

29.♚c4! ♙xc7 30.♚xa6 ♙d6 31.f4 ♙e7 32.♚a1 ♔g8=

29...♙g7 30.♚c4 ♖a3

30...♖a8 31.♗xd7 ♜xd7 32.♘b6 ♞b7 33.♘xa8 ♞xa8 34.f4 ♕f6 35.e5 ♕e7∞

31.f4 ♖a1 32.♗bb1 ♖xb1 33.♗xb1 ♕d4 34.♘b4

34.♗d1 ♕f6 35.h3 ♕e8 36.♚c1∞

34...♞b6 35.♗d1 ♕e6 36.♘d5 ♞b7 37.♗c1 ♕d7 38.h3

38.♗d1 ♞a7 39.♘e7 ♘xe7 40.♚xd4+ ♚xd4 41.♗xd4 ♕e6=

38...♞b2 39.♚c2 ♞a3 40.♚d2 ♞a5 41.♚d1 ♞a7 42.e5 ♞a3 43.e6!? ♕b2 44.♗c2 ♕xe6 45.♗xc6 ♕xd5 46.♚xd5 ♞a1+ 47.♙h2 ♕d4 48.♗c1

48.♚e4 ♚g1+ 49.♙g3 ♚f2+ 50.♙h2 ♚g1+=

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158. D95

Yakubboev, Nodirbek (2605) - Sindarov, Javokhir (2544)
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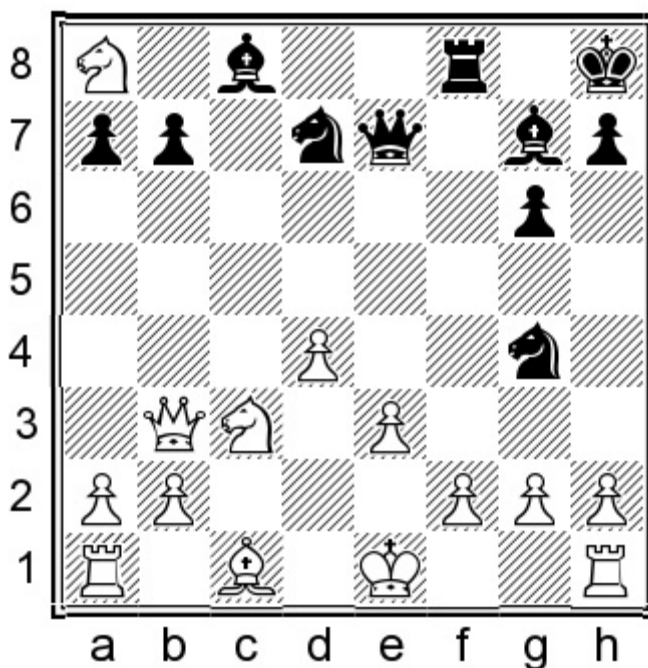
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7...c5 - 120/169

8.♘g5 e6 9.♕xe6 fxe6 10.♘xe6

10.♞xe6+?! ♙h8 11.♘f7+ ♖xf7 12.♞xf7 ♘f8 13.♞b3 ♘e6⚡

10...♞e7 11.♘xc7+ ♙h8 12.♘xa8 ♘g4



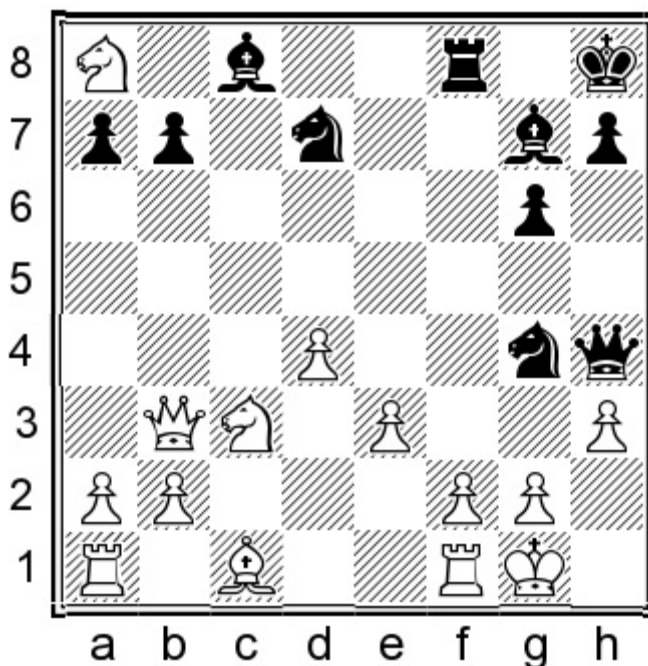
13.O-ON

13.♘e2 ♖h4! (13...♖xf2) 13.♘d5 ♖h4 14.g3 ♖h3 15.♙d2 (15.♘f4 ♖xf4! 16.gxf4 ♖g2 17.♖f1 ♘df6+) 15...♘xf2 16.♖f1 ♖xh2 17.♙b4 ♖f3; 13.♙d2! ♖xf2 14.♖a3 (14.h3? ♖xd2! (14...♘c5 15.dxc5 ♖xd2 16.♘d5 ♖xd5 17.hxg4 ♙e6 18.c6 bxc6 19.♖b8+ ♖d8-+) 15.♙xd2 ♖xe3+ 16.♙c2 ♘c5!-+; 14.♘c7 ♘b6 15.♘7d5 ♘xd5 16.♘xd5 ♖e4 17.O-O-O±) 14...♖f7 15.O-O-O ♖xg2 16.♖hg1±

13...♖h4

13...♘de5 14.dxe5 ♖h4 15.h3 - 13...Qh4

14.h3



14...♘de5! 15.dxe5

15.♘e4 ♘f3+! 16.gxf3 ♖xf3 (16...♘h2 17.♙xh2 ♖xf3 18.♘g3 ♖xh3+ 19.♙g1 ♖xg3+ 20.fxg3 ♖xg3+=) 17.hxg4 ♖xg4+ 18.♘g3 ♖xg3+ 19.fxg3 ♖xg3+ 20.♙h1 ♖h3+=

15...♘xf2!= 16.♘e4 ♘xh3+ 17.gxh3 ♖xf1+ 18.♙xf1 ♙xh3+ 19.♙e2 ♖xe4 20.♖f7 ♖g2+

20...♖g2+ 21.♖f2 ♙g4+ 22.♙e1 ♖h1+ 23.♖f1 ♖h4+ 24.♖f2 ♖h1+=

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159. ** D97

Gumularz, Szymon (2512) - Navara, David (2675)
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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♙g7 5.♖b3 dxc4 6.♖xc4 O-O 7.e4 ♘c6 8.♙e2 e5 9.d5 ♘d4 10.♘xd4 exd4 11.♖xd4 c6 12.♖c4 b5 13.♖xc6 ♙d7 14.♖d6 ♖e8 15.e5 b4N

15...♘g4 - 147/164

16. ♖xb4 ♜xe5 17. O-O ♘xd5N

17...a5 - 149/(159) 18. ♖d4 (18. ♖c5 ♘xd5 19. ♘xd5 ♙e6! (19...♜xe2 20. ♙e3 ♙e6 21. ♘c7 ♜c8 22. ♘xe6 fxe6 23. ♖a7± (23. ♜ad1±)) 20. ♘e7+ ♔h8 21. ♖c6 ♜xe2 22. ♖f3 ♜c2∞) 18...♘xd5 19. ♙h6 ♘xc3 20. ♖xc3N (20.bxc3 - 149/(159) 20...♙f6 21. ♙e3 ♜e8 22. ♖d2 ♙a4 23. ♙d4 ♖d6 24. ♙f3 ♜ad8 25. ♜fe1 ♜xe1+ 26. ♜xe1 ♙xd4 27. cxd4 ♖xd4 28. ♖xa5 ♖d2 29. ♖xd2 ♜xd2 30. ♜a1 ♔g7 31. ♔f1 ♔f6 32. ♔e1 ♜b2 33. a3 ♔e5 34. ♙d1 ♙xd1 35. ♜xd1 ♜a2 36. ♙d3 h5= Baenziger,F (2392) -Fecker,N (2309) Schweiz (ch) 149/(159) 2021) 20...♜c8 21. ♙xg7 ♜xc3 22. ♙xe5 ♜c5 23. ♙c3 ♖c7 24. ♜fd1 ♜xc3! 25.bxc3 ♖xc3 26. ♜ac1 ♖e5 27. ♙c4 ♙b5 28. ♜e1 ♖f5 29. g3 ♔g7 30. ♙xb5 ♖xb5 31. ♜c2 ♖a4 32. ♜ec1 g5= Giri,A (2776)-Duda,J (2738) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(159) 2021

18. ♘xd5 ♜xe2

18...♜xd5 19. ♙f3 ♜b8 20. ♖xb8 ♖xb8 21. ♙xd5±

19. ♘c3

19. ♙e3 ♙e6 (19...♜xb2 20. ♘e7+ ♔h8 21. ♖e4 ♙b5 22. ♜fd1 ♖e8 23. h3±) 20. ♘e7+ (20. ♘c3 a5 21. ♖b5 ♜c2 22. ♜ac1 ♜xc1 23. ♜xc1 a4∞) 20...♔h8 21. ♜ad1 ♖e8∞

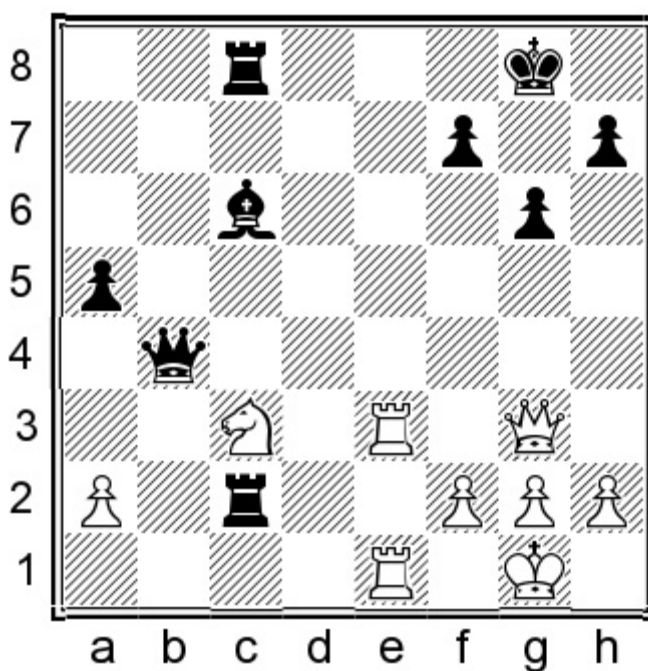
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20...♜e8 21. ♙e3 ♜c8 (21...♜b8∞) 22. ♖d5 ♙e6 23. ♖xd8 ♜exd8∞

21. ♙d1 ♖e8 22. ♖h4 ♙c6 23. ♙h6 ♙xh6 24. ♖xh6 ♜xb2 25. ♖f4 ♜c8 26. ♜e1 ♖f8 27. ♜e3 ♖b4 28. ♖g3

28. ♖f6 ♖g4 29. ♖g3 ♖e6 30. ♖xe6 fxe6 31. ♜e1 ♜c2=

28...♜c2 29. ♜ae1



29...♙xg2!?

29...h5 30.h3 h4 31.♖e5 ♜e8 32.♖f6 ♜xe3 33.♜xe3 ♜c1+ 34.♙h2 ♖b8+ 35.f4 ♜f1 36.♖xh4 ♜xf4
37.♖g3 ♜b4 38.♖xb8+ ♜xb8 39.g4=

30.♜e8+?

30.a3! ♖c5 (30...♖xa3? 31.♜d5+-) 31.♙xg2 ♜xc3 32.♜xc3 ♖xc3 33.♜e8+ ♙g7 34.♜xc8 ♖xc8
35.♖e5+ ♙g8 36.♖xa5 ♖g4+ 37.♙f1 ♖d1+ 38.♙g2 ♖g4+=

30...♜xe8 31.♜xe8+ ♙g7 32.♖e5+ f6 33.♜e7+ ♙h6 34.♖e3+ g5 35.♖e6

35.♜d1 ♙f3! 36.♖e6 ♖g4+ 37.♖xg4 ♙xg4 38.♜e3 ♜c1+ 39.♙g2 ♙c8-+

**35...♖xc3 36.♙xg2 ♖c6+ 37.♖xc6 ♜xc6 38.♜a7 ♜c5 39.h4 gxh4 40.a3 ♙g6-+ 41.f3 h5 42.♙h3
♙g5 43.♜a6 f5 44.a4 ♙f4 45.♙xh4 ♙xf3 46.♙xh5 f4+ 47.♙h4 ♙f2 48.♜b6 f3 49.♜b2+ ♙e3
50.♜b3+ ♙f4 51.♜b2 ♜c1 52.♙h5 ♙g3 0-1**

160. D99

**Cuenca Jimenez, Jose Fernando (2524) - Ftacnik, Lubomir (2510)
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10.♖b3 ♜c6 11.d5 ♜e5 12.♙e2 ♜xf3+ 13.gxf3 ♙h5 14.h4

14.♜g1 ♖c8 15.♜g3 c6 16.a4 ♖c7 17.a5 ♜c8 (17...♜d7 18.a6± - 93/404) 18.♖b4 ♙e5 19.♙d4! ♙d6
(19...♙xg3 20.hxg3±) 20.♖a4 ♙f4 21.♙f1±

14...♖c8 15.♙f1 c6

15...♜d7 16.♙g2 ♜e5 17.♜h3 ♙h8 18.♜g3 c6 19.♙c5±

16.♙g2N

16.dxc6 bxc6 17.♙g2 ♜b8 18.♖c2 f5∞; 16.♜c1 ♖d7 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.♜a4 ♜xa4 19.♖xa4 ♙xb2
20.♜xc6±

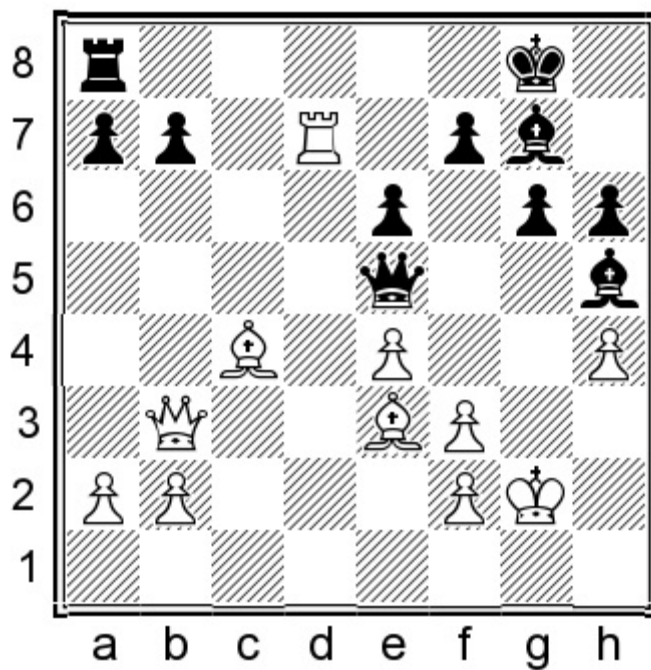
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18...b6 19.♜hd1 ♖b8 20.♜d7 ♖e5 21.♜1d5±

19.♜c1 ♖e8 20.♙b5 ♖b8 21.♜d7 ♜d8

21...♖e5 22.♙e2 b6 23.♙d4 ♖f4 24.♖e3 ♖xe3 25.fxe3±

22.♜cc7 ♜xd7 23.♜xd7 h6 24.♙c4 ♖e5



25.♖xf7! g5

25...♔xf7 26.♕xb7+ ♔g8 27.♕xa8+ ♔h7 28.♕e8+-

26.♖f5

26.♖xb7 ♖e8 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.♖b5 ♗f6 29.♖f5 ♗h6 30.♖xg5+-

26...♕xb2 27.♙xe6+ ♔h8 28.♕xb2 ♙xb2 29.hxg5+- ♖e8 30.♙f7

30.gxh6 ♖xe6 31.♖xh5+-

30...♙xf7 31.♖xf7 b5 32.♖xa7 hxg5 33.♖b7 1-0

E00-E24

161. E01

Yuffa, Daniil (2584) - Napoli, Nicolo (2315)

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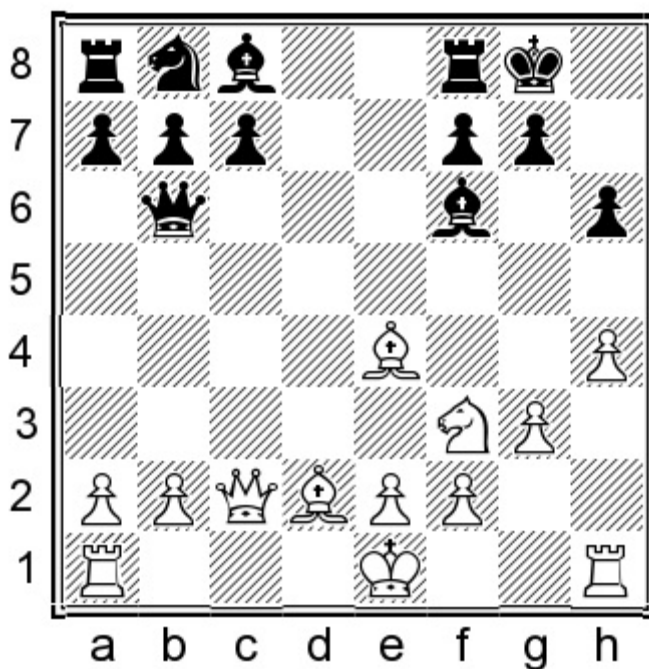
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6...c6 - 143/ 165

7.cxd5 exd5 8.♘xd5 ♘xd5 9.♙xd5 ♙e7 10.♙e4 ♚xd4 11.♚c2 h6 12.♘f3 ♚b6 13.h4!?N

13.O-O

13...♙f6



13...♘a6!?

14.O-O-O!?

14.♚b1 ♘b4, Be3

14...♘a6

14...♚xf2? 15.♘g5!→; 14...♚a6 15.♘b1 ♙e6∞ (15...♚xe2? 16.♘g5!→) 14...♙e6 15.♘b1 ♚a6∞

15.♙e3

15.♘g5!? ♘b4 16.♙xb4 ♚xb4 17.♘h7 ♙xb2+ 18.♚xb2 ♚xe4 19.♘xf8 ♙f5 20.f3 (20.♘d7 ♚c4+

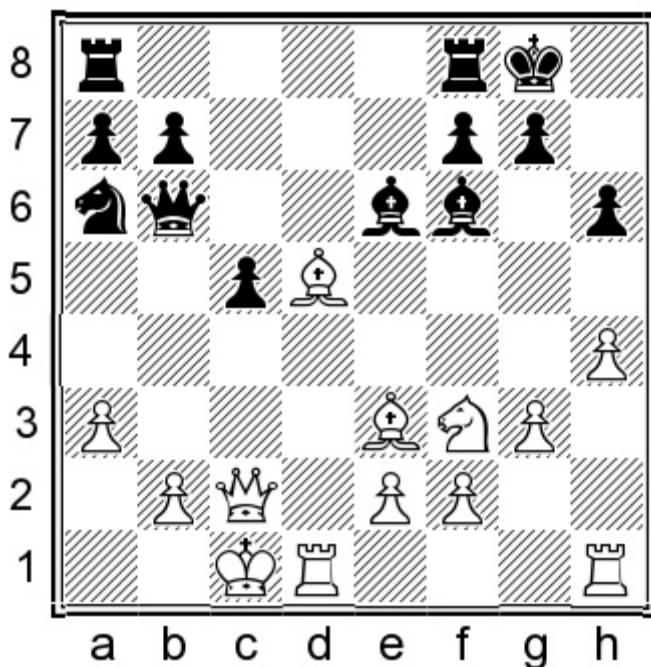
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21.♔d2 ♖xf8 22.♔e1±

15...c5

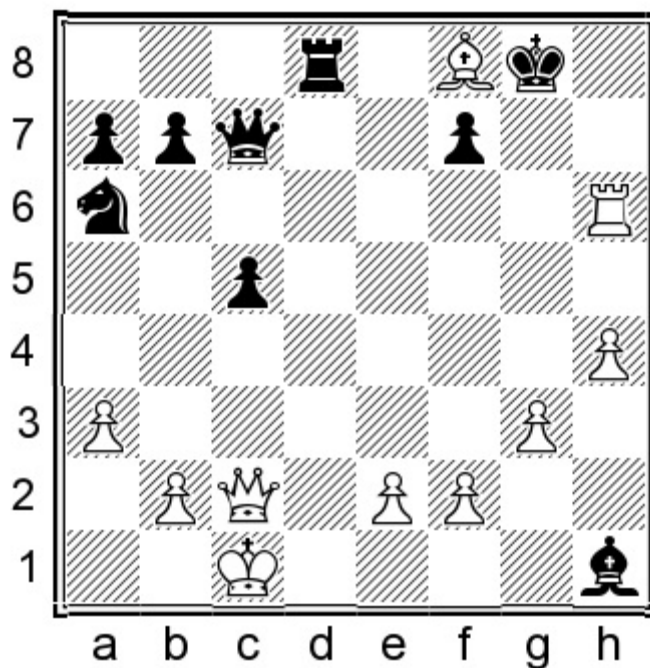
15...♜a5 16.a3 △ Ng5

16.a3 ♙e6 17.♞d3

17.♙d5



17...♞fd8 (17...♙d4? 18.♙xd4 ♙xd5 19.♙xg7 ♙xf3 20.♙xf8 ♙xh1 21.♞d6! ♜c7 (21...♜a5? 22.♙xh6 ♜e1+ (22...♙c6 23.♞g6+! ♔h8 24.♙g7+ ♔g8 25.♙c3+-) 23.♞d1 ♜xf2 24.♜c3 f6 25.♜c4+ ♔h7 (25...♔h8 26.♜g4 ♞g8 27.♙g7+!!+-) 26.♙f4 ♙c6 (26...♞g8 27.♜f7+ ♞g7 28.♜h5+ ♔g8 29.♞d8#) 27.♜f7+ ♔h8 28.♜xf6+ ♔h7 29.♜f7+ ♔h8 30.♙e5+-; 21...♙c6? 22.♙xh6 ♞d8 (22...♜c7 23.♜c3 f6 24.♞xf6+-) 23.♞g6+! ♔h8 24.♙g7+ ♔g8 25.♙f6+ ♔f8 26.♞h6+-; 21...♞xf8? 22.♞xb6 axb6 23.f3 ♞d8 24.♜e4+-) 22.♞xh6 ♔xf8 (22...♞d8?

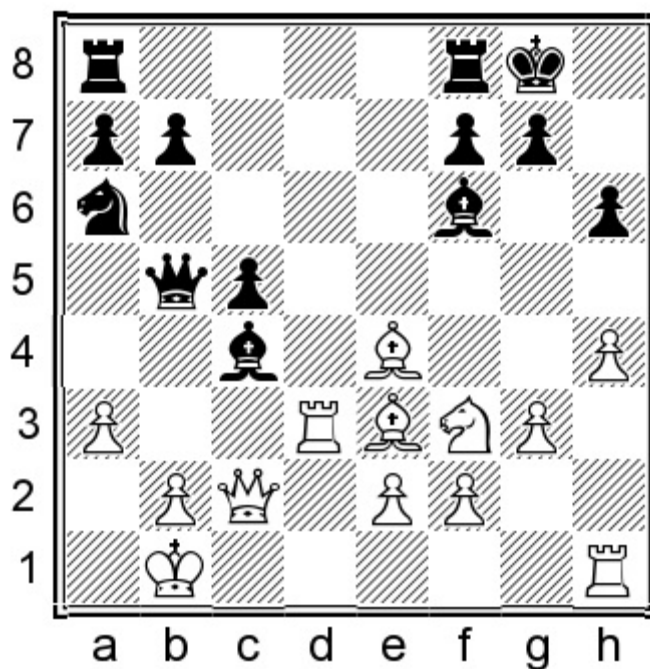


23. Qe7!! f5 (23... Qxe7 24. Wh7+ Kf8 25. Wh8#) 24. Qxd8 Qxd8 25. Wxf5+-) 23. Rh8+ Ke7 24. Rxa8±
18. Qxe6 Wxe6

17... Wb5

17... Rfd8 18. Rhd1 Rxd3 19. Rxd3 Rd8 20. Rxd8+ Qxd8∞; 17... Wa5!?

18. Kb1 Qc4?



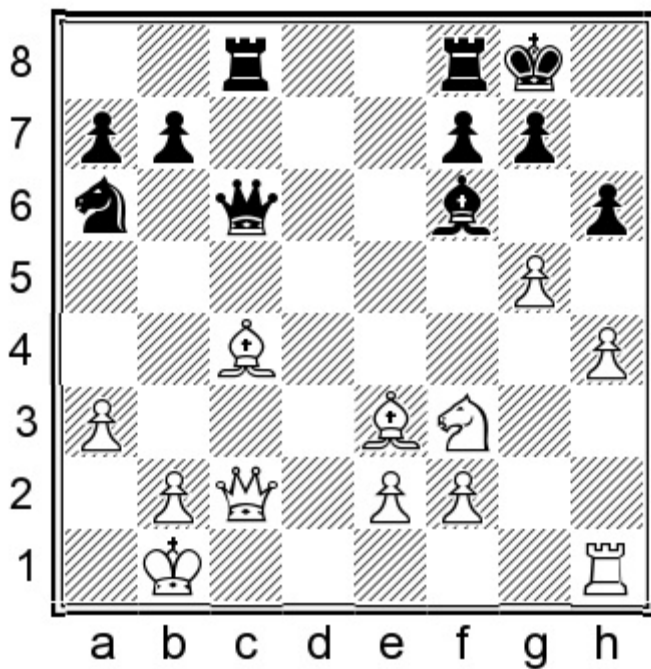
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19.g4!!

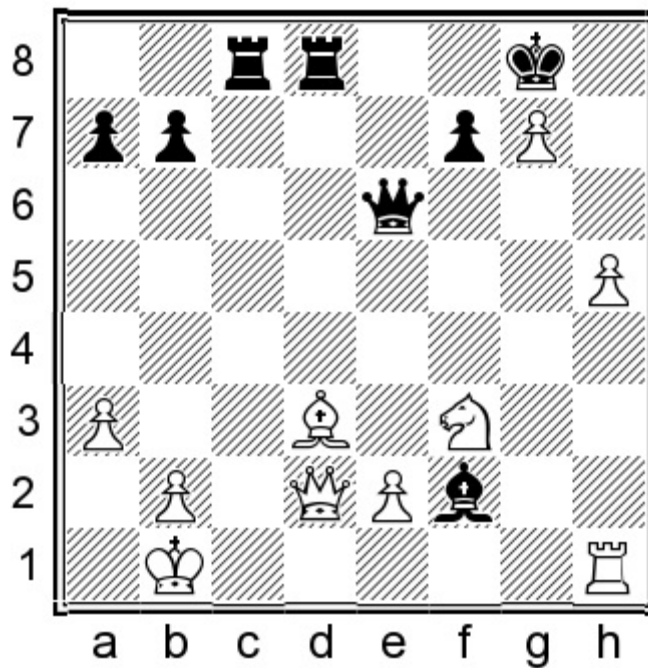
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19...♞ac8

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(22...♞fc8 23.♙d3!!) 23.♙d3!! ♚xc2+ (23...♚e6 24.♚d2 ♙e7 (24...♙e5 25.gxh6 ♘c5 26.♘xe5 ♚xe5 27.hxg7 ♞fd8 (27...♖xg7 28.♞g1+ ♖h8 29.♙d4+-; 27...♚xg7 28.f3!!+-) 28.♙xc5 ♞xc5 (28...♚xc5 29.♚h6+-) 29.♙h7+ ♖xh7 30.♚xd8 ♚e4+ 31.♖a2 ♚c4+ 32.♖a1+-) 25.gxh6 ♘c5 26.hxg7 ♞fd8 27.♙xc5 ♙xc5 28.h5 ♖xg7 (28...♙xf2



29. d5!! ♖e3 30. h6!! ♜xd3 (30... ♜xd2 31. ♙h7#) 31. ♜xd3 ♜xg5 32. h7+! ♜xg7 33. ♜c3+!!+-)
 29. ♜g1+ ♜f8 (29... ♜h8 30. d5! ♜f6 31. dxf7+!+-) 30. h6 ♙xf2 31. h7 ♜e7 32. ♜b4+ ♜d6 (32... ♙c5
 33. ♜xb7+ ♜f6 34. d5+-) 33. ♜xb7+ ♜c7 34. ♜e4+-) 24. ♙xc2 ♙e7 25. gxf6 ♙c5 (25... gxf6 26. ♙xh6
 ♜fe8 27. ♜g1+ ♜h8 28. d5 ♜xc2 29. dxf7+ ♜h7 30. ♜g7#) 26. ♜g1 g6 (26... ♙xe3 27. ♜xg7+ ♜h8
 28. fxe3 ♜c7 (28... d5 29. d5 ♜c7 30. d6+-) 29. d5+-) 27. h5 ♙xe3 28. fxe3 ♜h7 (28... ♜xc2
 29. ♜xc2 ♜h7 30. hxf6+ fxf6 31. d5+ ♜xh6 32. d6 ♜c8+ 33. ♜d2 ♜h7 34. e4 d5 35. d5+ ♜h6
 (35... ♜g7 36. ♜e3+-) 36. ♜e3 ♜e8 37. ♜d4+-) 29. hxf6+ fxf6 (29... ♜xh6 30. d5!+-) 30. d5+
 (30. ♙xg6+ ♜xh6 31. ♙e4±) 30... ♜xh6 (30... ♜h8 31. ♙xg6+-) 31. d6 ♜f5 32. ♙xf5 gxf5 33. d4+-
 ♜c5 (33... ♜f8 34. ♜f1 ♜g6 35. e4 f4 36. e3 d5 37. e5 ♜g5 (37... d3 38. d6 ♜f5 39. dxf4+ ♜f7
 40. e6+-; 37... f3 38. dxf3 ♜e8 39. ♜c2 ♜f5 40. b4+-) 38. exf4+ ♜xf4 39. ♜xf4 ♜xf4 40. e6+-) 34. b4
 ♜e5 35. ♜c2 d7 36. ♜d2 d5 (36... d5 37. dxf5+ ♜xf5 38. e4 ♜e5 39. exd5 ♜xd5+ 40. ♜e3+-)
 37. dxb5 ♜xb5 38. e4! fxe4 39. ♜e3 ♜e5 40. ♜c1! ♜g5 (40... ♜e7 41. ♜c4 ♜g6 42. ♜xe4+-) 41. ♜xe4+-

20. g5+- ♙d4

20... ♙xd3 21. ♙xd3 c4 22. ♙h7+ ♜h8 23. gxf6 g6 24. ♙xg6 fxf6 25. ♜xg6 ♜d7 26. f7! ♜xf7 27. ♙d4+
 ♜g7 28. ♜xh6+ ♜g8 29. ♙xg7+-

21. gxf6 f5

21... ♙xd3 22. ♙xd3 ♜d7 23. ♜g1+-

22. ♙xb7 ♜b8

22... ♙xd3 23. ♙d5+ ♜h8 (23... ♜h7 24. d5+ ♜xh6 25. exd3 ♙xe3 26. fxe3+-) 24. hxf7+ ♙xg7 25. exd3
 ♜b8 26. ♙c1+-

23. ♙xd4 ♜xb7

23... ♙xd3 24. ♙d5+ ♜h7 25. d5+ ♜xh6 26. ♙xg7+!! ♜xg7 27. exd3 d7 28. ♜c3+! ♜f6 (28... ♜h6

29.♟f7+ ♔h7 30.♙c4 ♚c6 31.♞g1 ♞g8 32.♜g5+-) 29.♙c4 ♚b6 (29...♚c6 30.♞g1 ♔h6 31.♞e5 ♚b6 32.b3! ♞bf8 33.♜e4! ♜e8 34.♜xf6 ♚xf6 35.♞xc5+-) 30.♞g1 ♔h6 31.♞e5 ♞e8 (31...♞bf8 32.♜e4+-) 32.♞f4+-

24.♙xg7 ♙xd3 25.exd3 ♞d8 26.♞g1

26.♞g1 ♞xd3 (26...♞xd3 27.♙d4+-) 27.♙c3+! ♔h7 (27...♔f8 28.♜g5+-) 28.♜g5+ ♔xh6 29.♞c1! ♔g6 (29...♔h5 30.♜f7+-) 30.♜e4+ ♔f7 31.♞h6+-

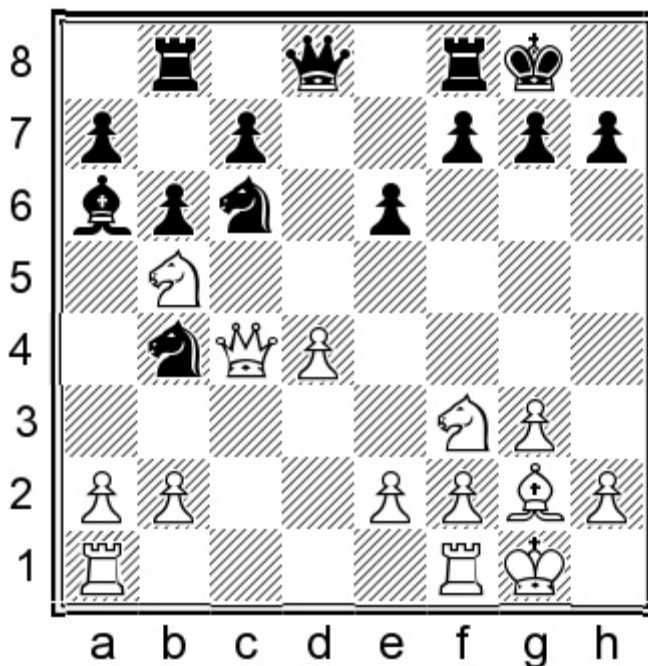
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162. * E04

Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2627) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2770)

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13...♞e8!?

13...♞d5 14.♞xd5 ♜xd5 15.a4 ♜a5 16.♜e5 - 131/166

14.♞fc1

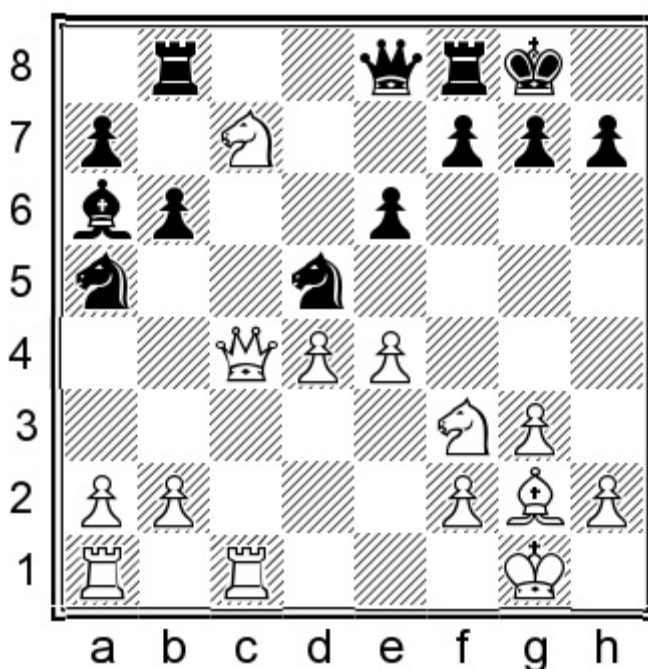
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(17...♙b7?! 18.♜e5±; 17...♙xb5?! 18.axb5 ♜a5 19.♜e5±) 18.♜xa7 ♞a8 19.♜b5 ♞ac8 20.♞d1±) 17.♞c3 (17.♞e2 ♞bd8?) 17...♙b7 18.♞a3 ♞bd8 19.♞c4 a6 20.♜a7 ♜xa7 21.♞xb4 ♞xb4 22.♞xb4 ♜c6 23.♞c4 ♜a5 24.♞c3 c5=

14...♜d5 15.e4

15.♞xc6 ♞xc6 16.♞xc6 ♙xb5 17.♞c2 ♞fc8 18.♜e5 (18.b3 c5 19.dxc5 ♜b4 20.♞c3 ♞xc5 (20...bxc5 21.♙f1 c4 22.♜d4 ♙a6 23.e3 ♜d5 24.♞cc1 cxb3 25.♞xc8+ ♙xc8 26.axb3 a6 27.♞a5±) 21.♞xc5 bxc5 22.♙f1 ♙c6 23.♜e5 ♙d5=) 18...c5 19.dxc5 ♞xc5 20.♞xc5 bxc5 21.♞c1 f6 22.♙h3 ♞b6 23.♜c4 ♙xc4 24.♞xc4 ♙f7 25.e4N (25.b3) 25...♜e7 26.♞xc5 ♞xb2 27.a4 ♞b6= Yuffa,D (2587)-Savchenko,B (2538) Russia 149/(162) 2021

15...♜a5 16.♜xc7



16...♜xc4!?

16...♙xc4 17.♜xe8 ♞fxe8 18.♜e5 ♞bc8 19.♜xc4 ♜xc4 20.exd5 exd5 21.b3 ♜d6 22.♙xd5 ♜f5 23.♙f1!? (23.♙g2 ♞cd8 24.♙c6 ♞e2! 25.d5 ♞d2 26.♙f1 ♙f8 27.♞d1 ♞xd1+ 28.♞xd1 ♜e7 29.♙e1 ♜xc6 30.dxc6 ♞xd1+ 31.♙xd1 ♙e7 32.b4 a6 33.a4 b5=) 23...g6!? (23...♜xd4 24.♞xc8 ♞xc8 25.♞d1 ♜e6 26.♙xe6 fxe6 27.♞d7 a5 28.♞d6 ♞c2 29.a4±; 23...♞cd8 24.♙c6±) 24.♙c6 ♞ed8 25.d5 ♜e7 26.♞c4 ♞d6 27.♞ac1 ♞cd8 28.♞a4 a5 29.b4 axb4 30.♞xb4 ♜xd5 31.♙xd5 ♞xd5 32.♞xb6 ♞a5 33.♞b2 ♞da8 34.♞cc2 g5=

17.♜xe8 ♞fxe8 18.exd5

18.b3 ♜ce3!? (18...♜d6 19.exd5 exd5 - 18.ed5) 19.fxe3 ♜xe3 20.♙h3 ♙d3 21.♞c3 ♜c2 22.♞c1 ♜b4 23.♞e1 ♞bc8 24.♞xc8 ♞xc8 25.d5 ♙f8! 26.dxe6 fxe6 27.♙xe6 ♞e8 28.♙c4 ♙xc4 29.bxc4 ♜xa2=

18...exd5 19.b3 ♜d6 20.♜e5

20.♖c7 ♖b7 21.♖c6 ♗e4 22.♟d1 (22.♗e5 ♖be7 23.♖cc1 ♕f8! 24.♗c6 ♖c7 25.♗b4 ♖xc1+ 26.♖xc1 ♗b7 27.♖c7 ♖e7=) 22...♖be7 23.♗e5 f6 24.♗d3 g5!? 25.♗f1 ♗b5 26.♖c2 a5 27.♗g2 ♕g7 28.h3 ♗d7 (Δ Bf5) 29.g4 h5↗

20...♗b7 21.♗c6

21.♗h3 ♗c8 22.♗f1 a5!? (22...♗e6 23.♗a6 ♗c8 24.♗d3 f6 25.♗c6 ♖a8 26.♗b4±; 22...f6 23.♗c6 ♖b7 24.♗g2 ♗e6 25.♖e1 ♕f7 26.♗b4 ♗b5 27.♗xd5 ♟d7 28.♗xb6!? axb6 29.♗c6 ♗c7 30.♗xd7 ♗xd7 31.♖xe8 ♕xe8 32.f3 Δ Kf2-e3±) 23.b4 (23.♖c6 ♗f5 24.♗f3 ♗d7 25.♖c7 ♗e6 26.g4 ♗d6 27.♖c6 ♗e4 28.h3 h5↗) 23...axb4 24.♗c6 ♖a8 25.♗xb4 ♗e6 26.♖c6 ♗f5 27.♖xb6 ♗xd4 28.a4 ♕f8 29.♗g2 ♖a5 30.♟d6 g5!?↗

21...♗xc6 22.♖xc6 ♗b5N

22...♖bd8

23.♗xd5

23.♟d1 ♖bc8 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.a4 ♗c3 26.♖e1 ♕f8 27.♕f1 g6 28.♖c1 ♖c7 29.♕e1 ♕e7 30.♖c2 b5=

23...♖e7 24.♗c4 ♗xd4 25.♟d6 ♗f3+ 26.♕g2 ♗e1+ 27.♕f1 ♗f3 28.h3

28.h4 g6 29.♗a6 f5 30.♖c1 ♖f8 31.♖c3 ♗e5= Δ f4

28...g5 29.♖ad1 ♗e5 30.♖6d5 h6 31.♗a6 ♕g7 32.♕g2 ♖be8 33.a4

33.♖c1 ♗g6 Δ Re5=

33...♖c7 34.a5 ♖e6 35.♖e1 ♕f6= 36.axb6 axb6 37.♖e4 ♖c3 38.♖b5 ♗d7 39.♖xe6+ ♕xe6 40.♖b4 ♕d6 41.♗c4 f6 42.♖b5 ♕e7 43.f4 ♖c2+ 44.♕f3 ♖c3+ 45.♕g2

45.♕g4 h5+=

45...♖c2+ 46.♕f3 ♖c3+ 47.♕g2 ♖c2+ 48.♕f3 ♖c3+ 1/2-1/2

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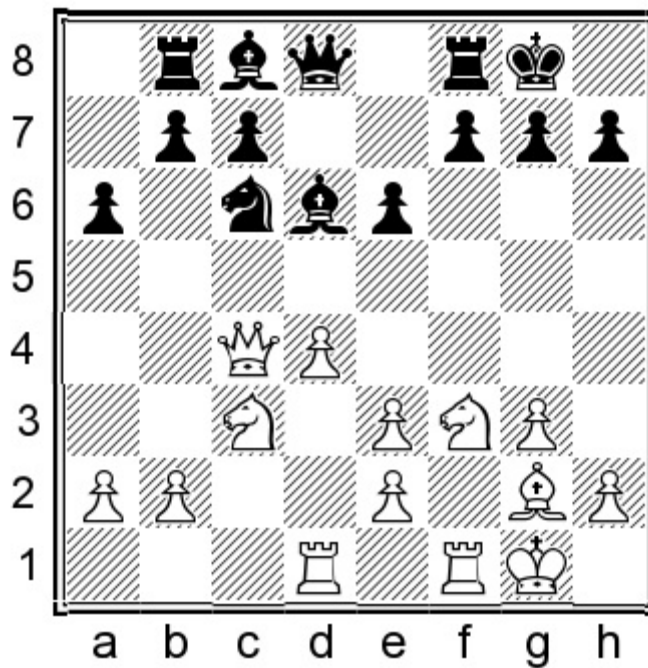
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 a6 6.O-O ♗c6 7.♗e3!?

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7...♗d5

7...♖b8 8.♖c1 (8.♗bd2?! b5 9.b3 c3 10.♖c2 ♗d5=) 8...b5 (8...♗d5 9.♖xc4 ♗xe3 10.fxe3 g6!? (10...♗d6 11.♗bd2 (11.♗c3 O-O 12.♖ad1

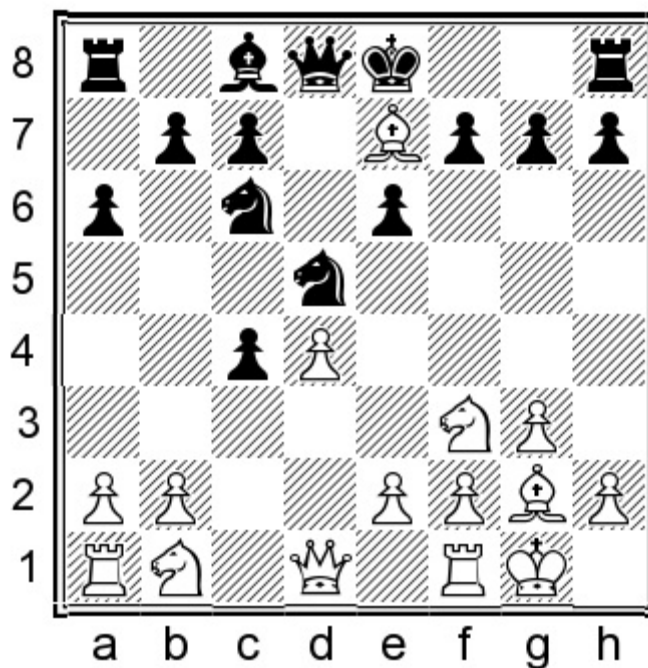


12...b5! 13.♖d3 ♘b7±) 11...O-O 12.♞ac1 ♙d7 13.♜e4 ♜e7!? 14.♞b3 h6 15.♜fd2 ♙c6 16.♜c4 ♙d5 17.♜exd6 (17.♞d3 f5±) 17...cxd6 18.♞b6 ♙xg2 19.♜xg2 d5=) 11.♜c3 ♙g7 12.♞ad1 O-O 13.b4!? (13.e4 ♜a5±) 13...♙d7 14.a3 ♜e7!? 15.e4 b6∞ 16.e5 c5 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.♜e4 cxb4 19.♜f6+ ♙xf6 20.exf6 ♞b6+ 21.♞f2 ♞fc8 22.♞xb4 ♞xb4 23.axb4 ♜d5 24.e4 ♙a4 25.♞a1 ♜c3 26.♙f1 ♙b5=) 9.b3 ♜a5N (9...♙b7 10.bxc4 ♙e7 11.♜bd2 O-O 12.cxb5 axb5 13.♜b3 ♞a8 14.♜e5±) 10.♜bd2 (10.♜e5!? ♙d6 11.bxc4 c5 12.♜d2 O-O 13.♜b3±) 10...♜d5 (10...♙b7 11.bxc4 ♙e7 12.♞b1±) 11.bxc4 ♜xe3 12.fxe3 ♙e7 Sjugirov,S (2663)-Leiva,G (2391) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 149/(163) 2021 (12...♙e7 13.♜e5! f6 14.♙c6+ ♜f8 15.c5 ♜g8 16.♞a3 fxe5 17.♞xa5 exd4 18.♜e4±)

8.♙g5

8.♞c1 ♜xe3N (8...♙e7) 9.fxe3 - 149/ (163) (9.♞xe3N ♙e7 (9...♞b8 10.♞c1 b5 11.b3 cxb3 12.axb3 ♞b6 13.♜c3∞) 10.♞c1 O-O 11.♞xc4 ♙d7 12.a3 a5 13.♜bd2± Goryachkina,A (2596) -Kosteniuk,A (2472) Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/(163) 2021) 9...♙e7 10.♞xc4 O-O 11.♜bd2 ♜b4 (11...e5!?) 12.e4 b5 (12...c5!? 13.dxc5 a5 14.a3 ♜c6 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 ♞xa1 17.♞xa1 b6±) 13.♞c3 ♙b7 14.a3 ♜c6 15.e3 Vidit,S (2726)-Gavrilescu,D (2470) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 149/(163) 2021 (15.e3 b4 16.axb4 ♙xb4 17.♞b3 ♞b8 18.♜c4 ♙e7 19.♞fd1 ♞e8 20.♞c3 ♜b4 21.♜e1 ♙a8±; 15.♜b3 b4 16.♞c4 bxa3 17.bxa3 ♞c8 18.e3 ♜b8 19.♜e5↑ Δ♜d7 20.♜xf7! ♞xf7 21.♜a5 ♙a8 22.♞xe6 ♙f6 23.e5 ♙xg2 24.♜xg2 ♞e7 25.♞xe7 ♞xe7 26.exf6 ♜xf6 27.♜c4 c5 28.♜d6±)

8...♙e7 9.♙xe7



9...dxc7!?N

9...dxe7

10.dxe5

10.a4 Bb8 11.e4 d6!? 12.dbd2 b5 13.Wc2 Bb7 14.Bfe1 c5 15.dxc5 O-O 16.b3 Wc7

10...b5 11.b3 cxb3 12.Wxb3 O-O 13.Bc1 Bb8 14.d2 Bb7 15.e3 - 149/163

15.Wb2N d6 16.Bxb7 d4 17.Wc2 Bxb7 18.d3 Saduakassova,D (2500)-Muzychuk,M (2544) Gibraltar 149/(163) 2021

15...d6 16.Bxb7 Bxb7 17.Wa3!?

17.Bc5 d7 18.dxd7 Wxd7 19.d4 Bc8 20.Bc1 c6 21.d5 Wd6 22.Wc3 Bb6 23.Wa5 Bcb8

17...Wd6

17...Bb6 18.Wc5 d6 19.d3; 17...d7!? 18.Wxa6 Bb6 19.Wa3 dxe5 20.dxe5 d6 21.Wb2 Wd5 22.f4 Ba8 23.d3 h6 24.Wg2 Wxg2+ 25.hxg2 de7 26.e4 Bb7 27.Bc2 g5 28.d5 Bba7=

18.Bc5 Bb6 19.Bac1 d6!?

19...c6 20.Wa5 Bb8 21.d3 d7 22.Bc2 h6 23.d4 e5! 24.dxa6 Ba8 25.Wb4 We6 26.d7 d5 27.dxd5 Wxd5 28.Wb3 exd4 29.Bxc6 Wxb3 30.Bc8+ h7 31.axb3 Bxc8 32.Bxc8 dxe3 33.fxe3 Bd6=

20.Wa5 f6 21.d4 Wd8 22.d3 d8

22...Wa8!? 23.Wd2 a5 24.a3 d5 25.d3 d6 26.dxd5 exd5 27.Bxc7 d4 28.Wa2 Bc8 29.Bc5 Bbb8 30.a4 b4 31.e4 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Be8!

23.d3 de7 24.d2 d6!? 25.Wa3

25.♖xc7 ♘d5 26.♞7c2 ♘c4 27.♞e1 ♞a8 28.e4 ♘e7 29.♘c5 ♞c8 30.a4 e5!?↗

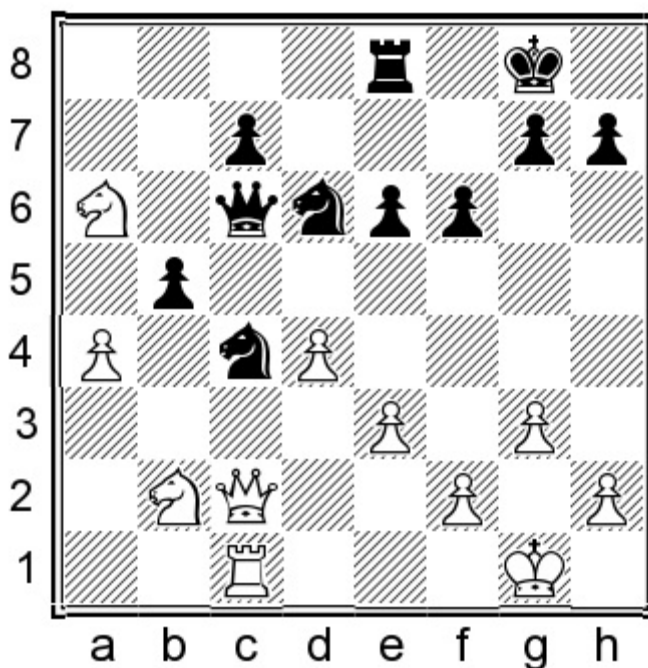
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30...♞eb8!? 31.♞d1 ♔h8 32.e4 ♘xb2 33.♘xb2 c6 34.a4 ♘b7∞

31.a4

31.♘xc4 ♘xc4 32.♞xc6 ♞xc6 33.♘b2 e5 34.♘xc4 bxc4 35.♞xc4+ ♞xc4 36.♞xc4 exd4 37.exd4 ♞e7
38.♔g2 ♔f7 39.♔f3 (39.♞c6 ♞d7) 39...♔e6 40.♞c5 ♔d6 41.♞a5 ♔c6 42.♞xa6+ ♔d5=

31...♞xc5 32.♘xc5 ♞c6 33.♘xa6



33...bxa4

♠33...♞xa6 34.axb5 ♘xe3 35.bxa6 ♘xc2 36.♞xc2 ♞a8 37.♞xc7 ♞xa6 38.♘d3 ♘b5 39.♞c8+ ♔f7
40.d5 e5 41.♞c5 ♞a1+ 42.♔g2 ♞b1=

34.♞xa4 ♞xa4 35.♘xa4 ♞e7

35...♞c8 36.♘c3 c6 37.♘e4 ♘xe4 38.♞xc4 ♔f7 39.h4±

36.♘b4

36.♘4c5 e5 37.d5 f5 38.e4 fxe4 39.♘e4 ♘xe4 40.♞xc4 ♘f6 41.♞c5 ♞d7 42.♘xc7 ♔f7 43.d6 ♞xd6
44.♞xe5±

36...♔f7 37.♘c5 ♘b6 38.♘ca6± ♘dc4 39.♔g2 ♞d7 40.♘c5

40.g4±

40...♞d6

○40...♖d8

41.♗b7

41.♖a1! ♖d8 42.♖a7 ♖c8 43.♗ba6 ♗a8 44.♗xc7 ♗xc7 45.♗a6±

41...♖d7 42.♗c5 ♖d6 43.♗bd3

43.♖a1±

43...♖d5?!

43...♖d8 44.♖a1 ♖a8±

44.♗a6

44.♖a1! ♖d8 45.♖a7 ♗d5 46.♗f4 ♗xf4+ 47.gxf4 ♖c8 48.♗a6±

44...♖d7 45.♗dc5 ♖e7 46.e4 c6?!

46...♗d6

47.♗b8

47.♗a4 ♖a7 48.♗xb6 ♗xb6 49.♗b8 ♗d7 50.♗xc6 ♖a4 51.♖b1 ♖c4 52.♖b7 ♖xc6 53.♖xd7+ ♗g6
54.h4±

47...♖c7 48.♗d3 ♗e7 49.e5 ♖c8 50.♗a6 ♖d8 51.♗ab4 ♖c8 52.f4 fxe5 53.dxe5 ♗d5 54.♗f2 ♗db6?!

54...♗xb4 55.♗xb4 ♗a5 56.♗a6 ♗b3 57.♖c3 ♗d4 58.♖c4 ♖d8 59.♗c5±

55.♗c5± ♖a8

55...g5 56.♖a1 ♖c7 57.♖a6! (57.♖a7 ♖xa7 58.♗xc6+ ♗f7 59.♗xa7 ♗d5 60.fxg5 ♗xe5±) 57...♗f7
58.♗f3 h5 59.h4± Δgxh4 60.gxh4 ♗d5 61.♗xc6 ♗d2+ 62.♗f2 ♗b4 63.♗xb4 ♖xc5 64.♗c6 ♖c3
65.♗d8+ ♗g6 66.♗xe6 ♗e4+ 67.♗g2 ♖g3+ 68.♗h2 ♖g4 69.♗d4+ ♗h7 70.♖a7+ ♗g8 71.♖a8+ ♗h7
72.♖f8+-

**56.♗xc6+ ♗f7 57.♗d4 ♖a2+ 58.♖c2 ♖xc2+ 59.♗xc2 ♗d5 60.♗d4 ♗c7 61.♗e4 ♗e7 62.♗e2 ♗b6
63.♗c5 ♗c4 64.♗d3 ♗b6 65.♗e4 g6 66.♗c6+ ♗e8 67.♗d4 ♗c8 68.♗e4 [Δ Ng5] 68...h6 69.♗d6+
♗xd6 70.exd6+- ♗b5+ 71.♗e5 1-0**

164. * E04**

Filip, Lucian (2442) - Gavrilescu, David (2476)

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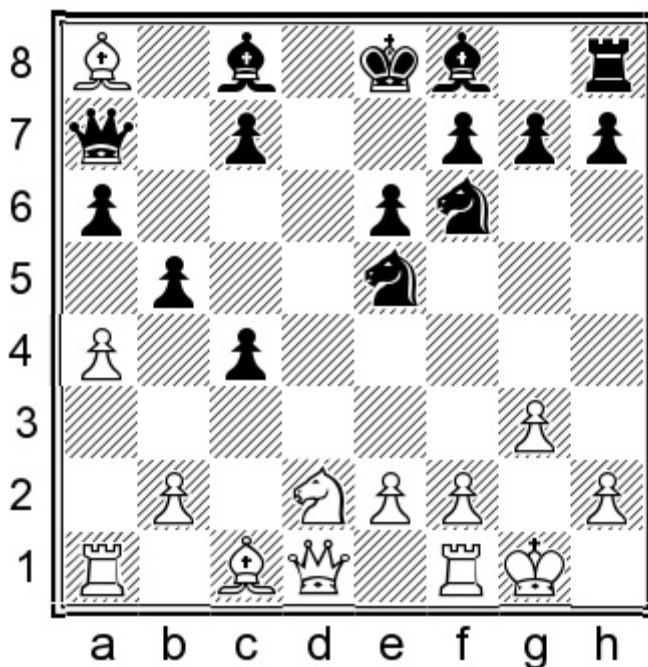
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7...b5

7...♖xd4 8.♗xc4 ♗xf3+ 9.♙xf3 ♖xd1 10.♖xd1 ♙e7 11.♗a5!? (11.♙f4 ♗d5 12.♙e5 f6!? 13.e4 fxe5 14.exd5 ♖f8 15.♗g2 exd5 16.♙xd5 c6 17.♙f3 ♙h3+ 18.♗xh3 ♖xf3 19.♖d2 e4 20.♖e1 ♖d3= Stoica,Valentin) 11...♗d5 12.e4 ♙b4 (RR12...♗b6 13.♙f4 c6 14.♖d3 ♗d7 15.♖ad1± Stoica,Valentin) 13.♗c4! ♗f6N (RR13...♗b6 14.♗xb6 cxb6 15.e5 (15.a3 ♙e7 16.e5 O-O 17.♙e3 b5 18.♙b6±) 15...♙c5 16.♙g5 O-O (16...f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.♖d8+! ♗xd8 19.♙xf6+ ♗c7 20.♙xh8 ♙d7 21.♙e5+ ♙d6 22.♙xd6+ ♗xd6 23.♖d1+ ♗e7 24.♙xb7±) 17.♖ac1± Δa5 18.a4 f6 19.exf6 e5 (19...h6 20.fxg7 ♖xf3 21.♙xh6+-) 20.♖xc5!? bxc5 21.♖d6 gxf6 22.♙xf6 h6 23.♙e2 ♖e8 24.♙h5 ♙h3 25.♙xe8 ♖xe8 26.♖d5± Stoica,Valentin) 14.♙f4 ♙d7 15.♙xc7 ♖c8 16.♗d6+ ♙xd6 17.♙xd6 ♙c6 18.♖ac1 ♖d8 19.♖c4± Salimova, N (2395)-Annaberdiev,M (2532) Beograd 149/(164) 2021

8.b3

8.♗e5 ♗xe5 9.♙xa8 ♖xd4 10.a4 ♖b6 (10...♖a7



11.♙h1! (11.♙g2 ♙b7! 12.axb5 ♙xg2 13.♗xg2 (13.♖a4?! ♖a8 14.♖xa6 ♖xa6 15.bxa6 ♙a8±) 13...♖b7+=) 11...♙b7 12.axb5 ♙xh1 13.♖a4! ♖b8 (13...♖a8?! 14.f3!±) 14.♗xh1 axb5 15.♖a8±) 11.♗f3 (11.♗e4 ♗xe4 12.♙xe4 ♙c5 13.♙d2 O-O 14.axb5 axb5 15.♙a5 ♖d6∞) 11...♗ed7 12.axb5 axb5 13.♖d2 ♙c5 14.♖a5 O-O 15.♙d2 ♖e8 (15...♗d5!? 16.e3 ♗7f6∞) 16.♖xb6 (16.♙c3 e5!? 17.♖xb6 ♗xb6 18.♙xe5 ♙g4 19.♙c6 ♖e6 20.♙xb5 ♙xf3 21.♙xf6 ♙xe2 22.♙c3 ♙xf1=) 16...♗xb6 17.♙c6 ♙d7 18.♙xd7 ♗bxd7 19.♖a5 ♖b8∞

8...c3

8...♙b7 9.bxc4 ♗xd4 10.♗xd4 ♙xg2 11.♗xe6 fxe6 12.♗xg2 ♙e7 (12...♙b4 13.♗f3 ♖xd1 14.♖xd1 ♙c3 15.♖b1 O-O 16.cxb5 axb5 17.a3 ♖fb8 18.♗g5 e5 19.♗e6±) 13.♗f3 (13.♙b2 O-O 14.♖c2 c5 15.♗e4 ♖c7∞) 13...♖xd1 14.♖xd1 O-O 15.♙b2 c5 16.♗g5 ♗g4 17.♗e4 ♖a7 18.h3 ♗f6 19.♗g5 ♗g4 20.hxg4 ♙xg5 21.f4±; 8...♖b8 9.♙b2 cxb3 10.♗xb3 ♙e7 11.♖c1 ♙b7 12.♗e1 (12.♗fd2!?) 12...♗a7 13.♙xb7 ♖xb7 14.♗d3 O-O 15.♖c2 ♖a8!? 16.♗a5 ♖b6 17.♖xc7 ♗d5 18.♖c2 ♙g5 19.♖cd1 ♖c8!?

(19...♖c6 20.♗b3 ♗cb4 21.♗xb4 ♗xb4 22.♞b1 ♞c8=) 20.♗c5 ♗c6 21.♗ab3 ♕e7 (21...a5 22.e4↑) 22.e4 ♗f6 23.♞e2 ♗d8∞

9.♗b1 b4 - 149/164

9...♕b7N 10.♗xc3 ♕b4 11.♕b2 ♗e7 12.a3 ♕xc3 13.♕xc3 O-O 14.♞c1 ♕e4 15.♞d2 ♞c8 Senthil,M (2220)-Alavi,S (2445) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 149/(164) 2021 (15...♞c8 16.♕b4±) 9...c2N 10.♞xc2 ♕b7 11.a3 ♕e7 12.♕b2 O-O 13.♗bd2± Salimova, N (2395)-Gukesh,D (2578) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(164) 2021

10.a3 ♞b8 11.axb4 ♕xb4 12.♞d3

12.♕g5 O-O 13.e3 h6 14.♕xf6 ♞xf6 15.♞c2 e5⇌

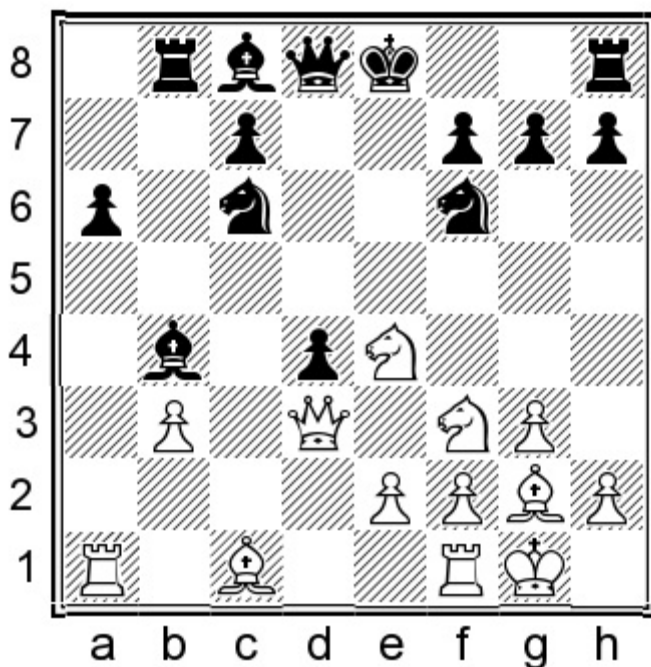
12...e5

12...O-O 13.♗xc3 e5!? 14.d5 ♕xc3 15.♞xc3 ♞xd5 16.♗d2 (16.♕a3 ♞e8 17.♞fc1 ♕b7 18.♗e1 e4∞) 16...♗d4! 17.♞xc7 ♗xe2+ 18.♖h1 ♞b5 19.♕b2 ♕b7 20.♞c4 ♕xg2+ 21.♖xg2 ♗d4 22.♕xd4 exd4 23.♞xa6 ♞b7+ 24.♞c6 ♞fd8=

13.♗xc3

13.♗xe5 ♗xe5 14.dxe5 ♞xd3 15.exd3 ♗d7 16.d4 c5 17.d5 O-O 18.♕f4 g5! 19.♕xg5 ♗xe5 20.♕f4 ♞e8 21.♞c1! ♗d3 22.♗xc3 ♗xc1 23.♞xc1 ♕a3 24.♞d1 ♞b4 25.d6 ♞d4=

13...exd4 14.♗e4



14...♕f5!?N

14...O-O 15.♕b2 ♕f5 16.♗xd4 ♕xe4 17.♕xe4 ♗xd4 18.♕xd4 ♗xe4 19.♞xe4 ♞e8 20.♞g4 ♕f8=

15.♗d6+ ♕xd6 16.♞xf5 ♞b6

16...O-O 17.♙b2 ♖xb3 18.♚c2 ♜b8 (18...♖b6 19.♜xd4) 19.♖fb1 ♖b6! 20.♙xd4 (20.♜xd4 ♖xb2!
 21.♜xc6 ♖xc2 22.♜xb8 ♖xe2 23.♜xa6 ♖d8) 20...♖xb1+ 21.♖xb1 ♜xd4 22.♜xd4 ♖a7 23.♜c6 ♚c5
 24.♜xc5 ♙xc5 25.♖a1=

17.e3!?

17.♙b2 O-O 18.♜xd4 ♜xd4 19.♙xd4 ♖xb3 20.♖xa6 ♚c8 21.♜xc8 ♖xc8 22.♖c1 ♖d8 23.♙c6±

17...♚d7

17...dxe3 18.♙xe3 ♖b5 19.♚c2 ♜b4 20.♚c4±; 17...O-O 18.exd4 ♚c8 19.♚d3 ♜b4 20.♚d1 ♖f5
 21.♜d2±

18.♚xd7+ ♜xd7 19.♜xd4

19.exd4 ♖d8 20.♖a4!? a5 21.♜d2 (21.♙e3!? ♖xb3 22.♖c1) 21...♖b4 22.♜c4 ♖xb3 23.♙d2!? ♜xd4
 24.♜xd6 ♜e2+ 25.♜h1 cxd6 26.♖e1 ♖e8 27.♙e3 ♖bxe3! 28.fxe3 ♖xe3 29.♖ea1 ♖e5 30.♖xa5 ♖xa5
 31.♖xa5 ♜d4 32.♖a7+ ♜e8 33.♜g1 h5 34.h3 d5 35.♜f2 ♜b5 36.♖a5 ♜c7=

19...♜xd4 20.exd4 c6

16...♖hb8 21.♙e3 ♖xb3 22.♖xa6 ♜e8=

21.♙d2 ♖a8 22.♖fc1 ♜d5 23.♙a5 ♖xb3 24.♙h3+ ♜e7 25.♖xc6 ♙b4 26.♙xb4+

26.♙f1 ♖b2 27.♙c4 ♙xa5 28.♖xa5 ♜b6 29.♙xa6 ♜d7 30.♖f5 g6 31.♖d5 ♜b6 32.♖b5 ♖xb5 33.♙xb5
 ♜c8 34.♖c7+ ♜f6 35.♖d7 ♜e6 36.d5+ ♜f6 37.♖d8±

26...♖xb4 27.♖e1+ ♜f8 28.♙g2 ♜e7 29.♖d6 ♖e8= 30.♖xa6 ♖xd4 1/2-1/2

165. * E04

Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2726) - Fier, Alexandr (2569)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/165, 2021

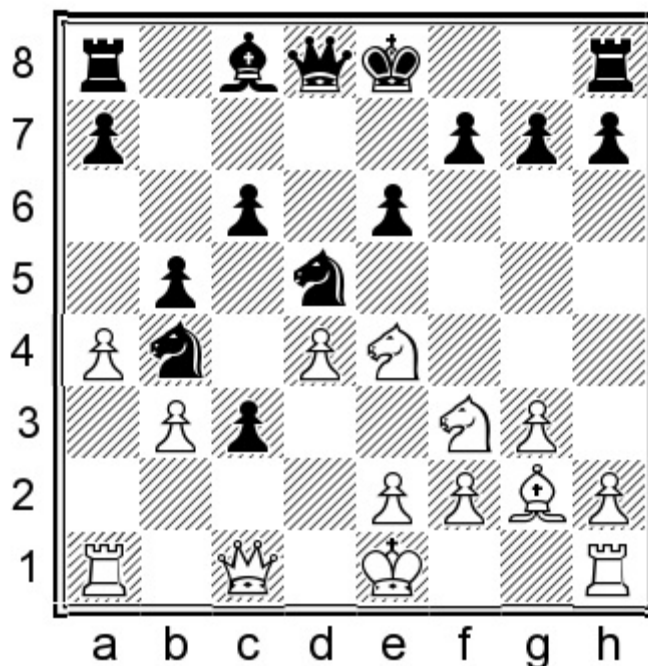
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8.♙xb4 - 135/164

8...b5 9.a4 ♙xd2+ 10.♜bxd2 ♜cb4 11.♚c1

11.♚b1

11...c6 12.b3 c3 13.♜e4



13...c2N

13...bxa4 - 149/(165) 14.♖xa4 c2N (14...a5 15.♜xc3 ♔a6∞) 15.♔d2 O-O 16.O-O a5 17.♖c1 ♔a6 18.♖aa1 ♔b6 19.♜c5 ♖fd8 20.e3 ♜f6 21.♔c3 ♜fd5= 22.♔d2 ♜f6 23.♔c3 ♜fd5 24.♔d2 ♜f6 1/2 (24) Wojtaszek,R (2687)-Shankland,S (2691) Praha 149/(165) 2021

14.a5!? O-O

RR14...e5! 15.♜xe5 (15.dxe5 O-O 16.♔d2 ♔e7 17.O-O ♔g4 18.♜d4 ♔xe5 19.h3 ♔xh3 20.♔xh3 ♔xe4 21.♔g2 ♔e7 22.♔xd5 cxd5±) 15...f6 16.♜f3 ♔e7 17.♜c5 ♜c3 18.♔e3 ♜b1 19.♔c1 ♜c3=

15.♔d2 ♔e7 16.O-O ♖d8 17.♜c5 ♜a6 18.♔xc2 ♜xc5 19.♔xc5 ♔xc5 20.dxc5± ♔d7 21.♖fd1 ♔e8 22.♜f1 ♜f8 23.♜g5 ♜e7?!

RR23...♜c3 24.♖dc1 b4 25.♜xh7+ ♜e7 26.♜g5 ♖ab8 27.♜e4 ♜b5 28.♜e1 e5∞

24.♜e4 f6 25.♜d6 ♔g6 26.♖ac1 ♖ab8 27.♖d4 b4 28.♖cc4 e5 29.♖h4± ♜e6 30.a6?!

30.♜e1 ♜d7 (30...h5 31.g4±) 31.♔h3+ ♜c7 32.♔f5±

30...♔b1?

30...♜c7! 31.♔h3+ ♜e7 32.♜f5+ ♜f8 33.♖xb4 ♖xb4 34.♖xb4 ♜xa6 35.♖a4 ♜xc5 36.♖xa7 ♖d1+ 37.♜g2 ♖d2 38.♖a8+ ♜f7 39.♖a7+ ♜f8=

31.♔h3+ ♜e7 32.♔f5+- ♔xf5 33.♜xf5+ ♜f7 34.♖xh7 ♜g6 35.♖xg7+ ♜xf5 36.e4+ ♜e6 37.exd5+ cxd5 38.♖h4 ♖dc8 39.♖b7 ♖a8 40.♖hh7 ♖c6 41.g4 d4 42.♖bd7 ♖e8 43.♖xa7+- ♖xc5 44.♖ab7 d3 45.♖b6+ ♜d5 46.♖d7+

46.♖d7+ ♜e4 47.♖xb4+ ♖c4 48.♖xc4+ ♜f3 49.♖xd3#

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166. E05**Gabel, Andreas - Balzert, Antonius****corr 149/166, 2021**

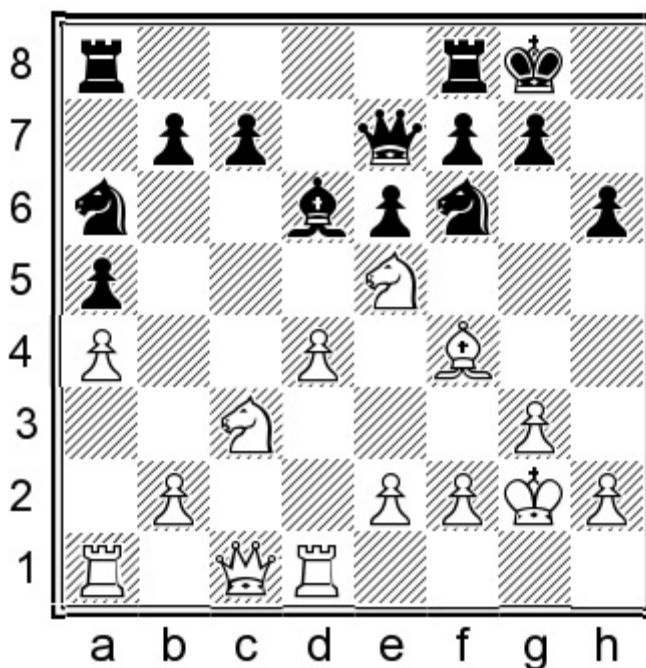
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 ♙d6 11.♚c1 a5 12.♘c3 ♘a6 13.♞d1 h6

13...♘b4 - 145/(164)

14.♘e5

14.♙xh6 gxh6 15.♚xh6 ♘h7 16.d5 exd5 17.♞d4 ♚f6 18.♚h3 ♙e7 19.♞h4 ♚g7 20.♞g4 ♘g5 21.♚h5
 ♞fd8 22.♘xg5 f5 23.♞f4 ♚xg5 24.♚xg5+ ♙xg5 25.♞xf5 ♙h6 26.♙xd5+ ♙xd5 27.♘xd5 c6 28.♘b6
 ♞ab8 29.♘c4 ♞d4∞

14...♙xg2 15.♙xg2 ♚e7N



15...♘d5

16.♙xh6!?

16.♘f3 ♞ad8 17.♙xd6 cxd6 18.♚e3 ♘b4 19.♞ac1 ♞c8 20.♘b5 ♚d7 21.♚b3 ♞c6 22.♘a7 ♞a6
 23.♘b5=

16...gxh6 17.♚xh6

17.♘c4 ♙g7 18.e4 ♙b4 19.♚e3 c5 20.e5 ♘d5 21.♘xd5 exd5 22.♘d6 ♚e6 23.f4 cxd4 24.♚xd4 ♙xd6
 25.exd6+ ♙g8 26.♚xd5 ♞ac8 27.♚xe6 fxe6 28.♞e1 ♙f7-+

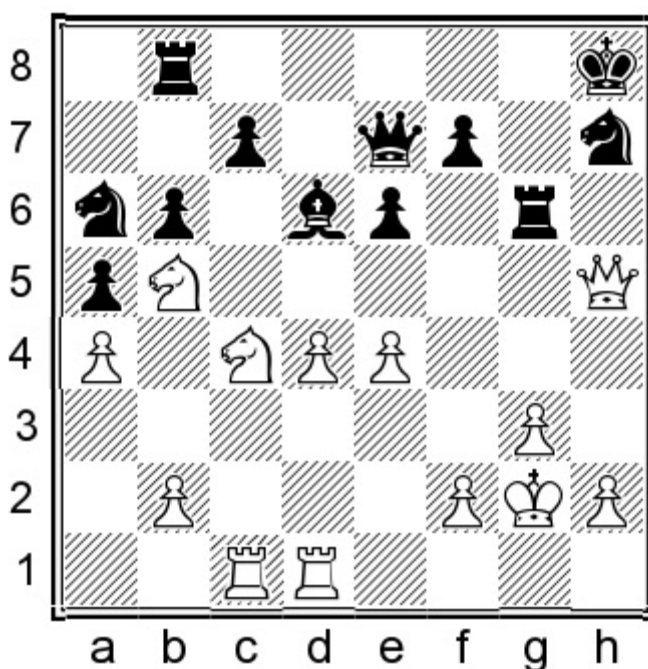
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24.♜c4 ♜dd8 25.e3 ♜f6 26.♜c3 ♕g7+

18.♚g5+ ♕h8 19.♜c4 b6 20.♜b5

20.♜xd6 cxd6 21.♜b5 ♜ad8 22.♜ac1 ♜g8 23.♚h4+ ♕g7 24.e4 ♜h8 25.♚f4 ♜h6 26.♜c6 ♚b7 27.d5 e5
28.♚f3 ♚b8-+

20...♜g8 21.♚h6+ ♜h7 22.♜ac1 ♜g6 23.♚h5 ♜b8 24.e4



**24...♜f4! 25.♜c3 ♜bg8 26.♕f1 ♜h6 27.♚f3 ♜g5 28.♜e5 ♜f6 29.♜c6 ♚e8 30.h4 ♜g7 31.♚f4 ♜f6
32.♚e3**

32.♚d2 e5 33.♜xe5 c6 34.♜a3 c5 35.f4 ♜d6 36.♜b5 ♜d8 37.♚e3 ♜xe5 38.fxe5 cxd4 39.♜xd4 ♚xe5
40.♜xd8 ♜xd8 41.♚xb6 ♜d1+ 42.♕e2 ♜d7 43.♚e3 ♜f8+

32...♜g6 33.♚f4

33.♕g2 ♜f8 34.♚f4 ♜c5 35.♜e5 ♜xe5 36.♚xe5+ f6 37.♚f4 e5 38.♚f5 exd4 39.♜xc7 ♚e5+

33...♚d7 34.♚f3 ♜f8 35.♕g2 f5 36.♜e5 ♜xe5 37.dxe5 ♚e7 38.exf5

38.h5 ♜g5 39.♜d4 f4 40.♜c6 ♚f7 41.♕f1 ♜c5 42.gxf4 ♜g7 43.♜d4 ♚e8 44.h6 ♜gg8-+

38...exf5 39.♜d4

39.♚b7 f4 40.♚xa6 fxg3 41.fxg3 ♚xe5 42.♜d4 ♚d5+ 43.♕g1 c5 44.♚d3 ♜xg3+ 45.♚xg3 ♜g8-+

39...♜c5 40.♜xf5 ♚e6 41.♜d4 ♚xe5 42.♜e3 ♜xf3 43.♜xe5 ♜f8 44.♜f3 ♜g7

44...♜g4 45.♜e3 ♜f6 46.♜e5 ♜g7 47.♜d4 ♜e8 48.g4 ♜e6 49.♜c4 ♜d5 50.♜e1 ♜f8 51.♕g3 ♜e7+

45.♜d4 ♜f6 46.♜g5

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46...♗e8 47.♗xe8+ ♜xe8 48.b4 axb4 49.♗xb4 ♜d6 50.♗f4
 50.♖d4 ♗e7 51.♗f4 ♜g7 52.♗g4 ♜h6 53.♖d4 ♗e1 54.♗f4 ♗e8+
50...♗e7 51.♜f3 ♜g7 52.♗g4
 52.♜g2 ♜de4 53.♗g4 ♜h6 54.♜f3 ♗f7 55.♗g8 ♜xa4 56.g4 ♜ac5--
52...♜f6 53.♗f4+ ♜e5 54.♜g2 ♜d5 55.h5 ♜d3 56.♗h4 ♜f5 57.♗h1 ♜h6-- 58.♗h4 c5 59.a5 b5
60.♗e4 ♗a7 61.♗e8 b4 62.♖d8+
 62.♗b8 ♗xa5 63.♖d8+ ♜c4--
62...♜c4 63.♜e4 ♜f7 64.♗c8 b3 65.h6 ♜xh6 66.♜d6+ ♜d5 67.♖d8 b2 68.♜b5+ ♜c4 69.♜a3+ ♜c3
70.♜b1+ ♜c2 71.♜a3+ ♜d2 72.♜c4+ ♜c3 73.♜xb2 ♜xb2 74.f4 ♜f7 75.♗e8 c4 76.♜f3 ♜d4
77.♗e4+ ♜d3 78.♗e3+ ♜c2 79.♗e2+ ♜b3 80.♗e6 c3 81.♗e3 ♗xa5 82.♜g4 ♜c4 83.♗e1 c2 84.♗c1
♜b2 85.♜h4 ♜d3 86.♗h1 c1=♗ 87.♗xc1 ♜xc1 88.♜h3 ♜c3 89.f5 ♗xf5 90.♜g2 ♜b3 91.♜h1 ♜c4
92.♜g2 ♜d3 0-1

167. * E05

Dubov, Daniil (2714) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2578)

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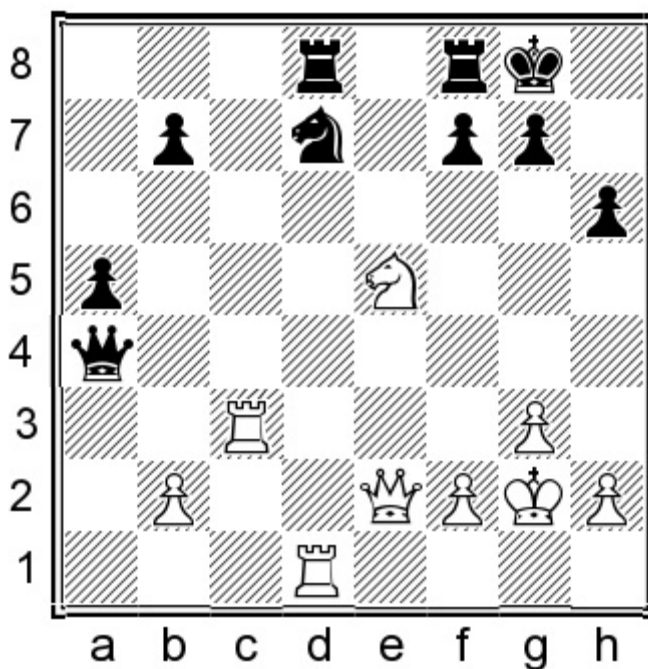
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 10.♗g5 ♜bd7 11.♜c3 a5 12.♗fd1 h6 13.♗xf6 ♜xf6 14.♜e5
 14.e3 - 52/497
14...♗g2 15.♜xg2 c6 16.e3 ♗d6N
 16...♗a6; 16...♜d7
17.♗e2N
 17.e4 - 149/(167) 17...♗b6 18.♜d3 ♗e7 19.♜e5 ♗fd8 1/2 (19) Ramik,J-Kiraly,I corr 149/(167) 2021
17...♗e7 18.♜c4 e5 19.d5 ♗b4 20.e4
 20.dxc6 ♗xc3 (20...bxc6 21.♜a2 ♗fb8 22.♜xb4 ♗xb4 23.♗ac1 ♗c7 24.♗c2 ♗ab8 25.♗d3±) 21.bxc3
 bxc6 22.♗ac1 ♜e4=
20...♗c5
 20...♗fd8 21.♗ac1 ♗e8 22.♜a2 ♗f8 23.dxc6 ♗xc6 24.♜c3 ♗b4=
21.♗ac1 ♗xc3
 21...♗ad8 22.♜e3 ♗b6 23.♗f3 ♗fe8 24.h3 ♗f8 25.♗d2±
22.♗xc3 cxd5 23.♜xe5 ♗b4 24.exd5 ♗xa4?

24...♖ad8 25.♚b5 (25.♖c4 ♚e7 26.♖cd4 ♜fe8 27.f4 ♞d7 28.d6 ♚e6 29.♚b5 ♞xe5 30.♖e1 f6 31.fxe5 fxe5 32.♖d5 e4∞) 25...♚xb5 26.axb5 ♖xd5 27.♖xd5 ♞xd5 28.♖c5 ♖d8 29.♞c4 b6 30.♖c6±

25.d6 ♖ad8 26.d7

26.♖c7 ♞e8 (26...♖de8 27.♖e7+-) 27.♖c4 (27.♖d7!? ♖xd7 (27...♖b8 28.♖e7 ♞f6 29.d7+-) 28.b3+-) 27...♚b5 28.d7 ♞c7 29.♖d6+-

26...♞xd7



27.b3! ♚b4 28.♖cd3 ♚b5 29.♚b2 ♞xe5 30.♖xd8 ♚c6+ 31.♖8d5+- ♞g4 32.♚c1 ♚e6 33.♚c2 g6 34.h3 ♞f6 35.♖xa5 ♖c8 36.♖c5 ♖e8 37.♚c4 ♚b6 38.♚b5 ♚a7 39.♖c7 1-0

168. * E05

Cheparinov, Ivan (2667) - Svane, Rasmus (2615)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/7-blitz) 149/168, 2021

1.d4 ♞f6 2.c4 e6 3.♞f3 d5 4.g3 ♙e7 5.♙g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♚c2 a6 8.a4 ♙d7 9.♚xc4 ♙c6 10.♙f4 ♙d6 11.♚c1 ♞bd7 12.♖e1

12.♞c3 - 132/177

12...♖e8 13.♞c3 ♙xf3 14.♙xf3 ♙xf4 15.♚xf4 c6 16.a5 ♚e7 17.♖ed1 ♖ad8 18.♙g2N

18.♖a4 e5 19.dxe5 ♞xe5 20.♖ad4 ♞xf3+ 21.exf3 ♖xd4 22.♚xd4 h5=

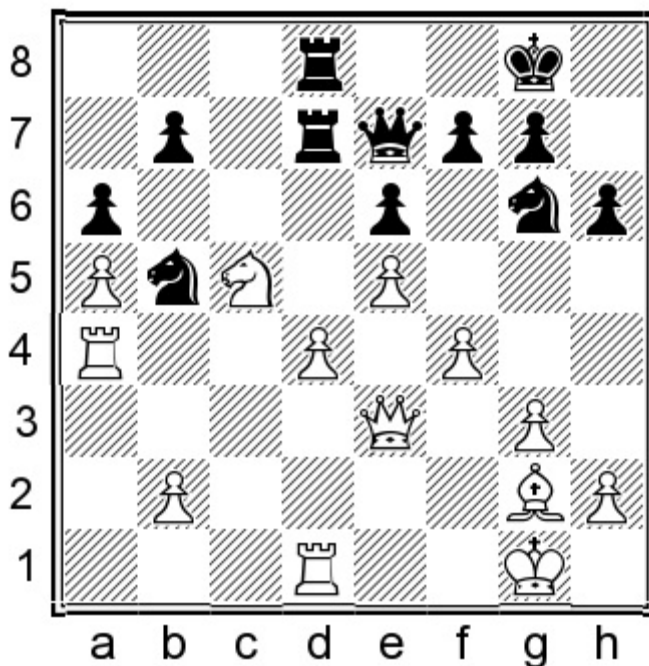
18...h6 19.♖a4N

19.h3 - 149/ (168) 19...e5 20.dxe5 ♞xe5 21.♖xd8 ♖xd8 22.♖a4 ♞g6 23.♚b4 ♚c7 24.♖a1 ♖e8 25.♖d1 ♞f8 26.e3 h5 27.♞a4 ♞8d7 28.♚d2 ♚e5= 29.♚b4 ♚c7 30.♚d2 ♚e5 31.♚b4 1/2 (31) Cheparinov,I (2667)-Svane,R (2615) Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/(168) 2021

19...♖f8 20.♗e3 ♘g6 21.♗c1 ♜d7 22.e4 ♞ed8 23.e5 ♞e8 24.f4?!

24.♗e3 ♞c7 (24...c5 25.h4±) 25.♞c4 ♞d5 26.♗e1 ♞xc3 27.bxc3 c5 28.h4±

24...♞c7 25.♗e3 ♞b5 26.♞e4 c5! 27.♞xc5?!



27.♞c1 ♞xd4 (27...cxd4 28.♗d3 ♞c7 29.♞ac4 ♞dc8 30.♞f2 ♞c3 31.♞xc7 ♞xe4+ 32.♞xe4 ♞xc7 33.♞xc7 ♞xc7 34.♗xd4 ♞xa5 35.♞xb7 ♞e7=) 28.♞xd4 cxd4 (28...♞xd4? 29.♞xc5±) 29.♗d3 ♞f8 30.♞f1

27...♞xc5! 28.dxc5 ♞xd1+ 29.♞f1

29.♞f2? ♞8d2+ 30.♞f3 ♞d3-+

29...♞e7

29...♞b1 30.♞f2 ♞xb2+ 31.♞e1 ♞b1+=

30.♞c4?

30.♗f3 ♞8d2 31.♗xb7 ♞f5 32.♗xa6 ♞bd4; 30.c6 ♞xc6 31.♞c4 ♞bd4

30...♞f5 31.♗e4 ♞8d2-+ 32.c6 bxc6 33.♞xc6 ♞bd4 34.♞c8+ ♞h7 35.g4 ♞e2+ 0-1

169. * E05

Yakubboev, Nodirbek (2598) - Navara, David (2675)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/169, 2021

1.d4 ♞f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♞g2 ♞e7 5.♞f3 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♗c2 a6 8.a4 ♞d7 9.♗xc4 ♞c6 10.♞f4 ♞d6 11.♗c1 ♞bd7 12.♞c3 ♗e7 13.♞e1

13.a5 - 132/177

13...♙xf3

13...♘e4 14.♘e5 ♙xe5 15.dxe5 ♘xc3 16.♙xc6N (16.♙xc3 ♙xg2 17.♔xg2 ♖ac8 18.♞ed1 ♞fd8=) 16...♘xe2+ 17.♞xe2 bxc6 18.♙xc6 ♘b6 19.♙e3 ♘d5! (19...♙b4 20.♙c5 ♙c4 21.♞e4 ♙c2=) 20.♙c5 ♙e8 21.♙xe8 ♞fxe8 22.b4 ♞eb8 23.♞e4 h5 (23...a5 24.b5 c6 25.bxc6 ♞c8=) 24.♞c1 ♔h7= 25.♔g2 ♔g6 26.h3 ♞h8 27.♞cc4 ♞ab8 28.♞ed4 ♞hd8 29.♞e4 ♞h8 30.♔f3 ♞hd8 31.♔g2 ♞h8 1/2 (31) Eljanov,P (2672)-Sjugirov,S (2663) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 149/(169) 2021

14.♙xf3 ♙xf4 15.♙xf4 c6 16.a5 ♞ad8 17.♙g2 ♞fe8 18.♞ed1 e5N

18...h6 - 144/168

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20...h5!? 21.♘a4 ♘d5 22.♙xd5 cxd5 23.♘c5 ♘c6=

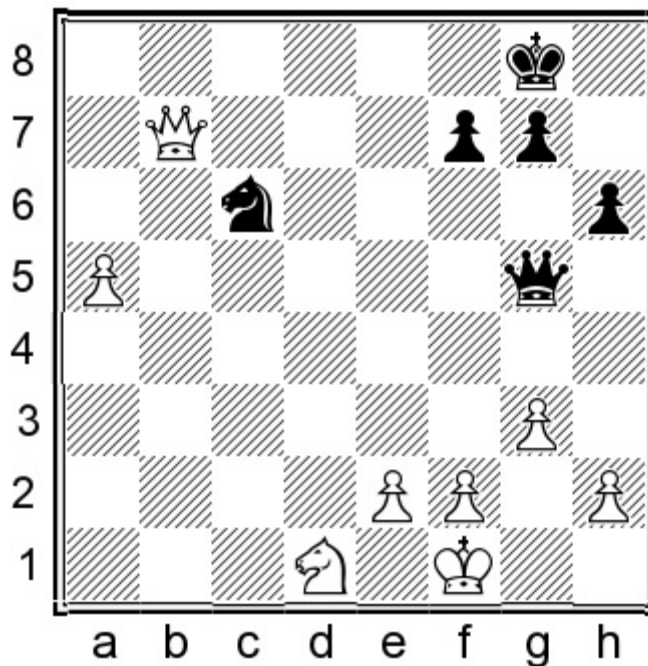
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28...♙d6 29.♔e1 ♘d5 30.♙xd5 cxd5 31.♘b2 ♘c6 32.♘d3 ♙e6 33.♘c5 ♙g4 34.♘xb7 ♙xb4+ 35.♙xb4 ♘xb4 36.♔d2 ♔f8=

29.♙xd5 cxd5 30.♙xd5 ♘c6 31.b5 axb5 32.♙xb5

32.a6 b4 33.♘b2 ♙c7 34.axb7 ♙xb7=

32...♙g5! 33.♙xb7



33...♙d5!= 34.♙a8+ ♔h7 35.♔e1 ♙h1+ 36.♔d2 ♙d5+ 37.♔e1 ♙h1+ 38.♔d2 ♙d5+ 39.♔e1 ♙h1+ 1/2-1/2

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13...e5 - 132/177

14.♖e1 ♙xf4 - 149/170

14...♖ad8N 15.e4 (15.♙xd6 cxd6 (15...♖xd6 16.e4 e5 17.d5 ♙b5 18.♘xb5 axb5 19.♙fl±) 16.e4 d5 17.e5 ♘e4 18.♘xe4 dxe4 19.♘g5 f5 20.exf6 ♘xf6 21.♘xe4 (21.♖c4 ♙d5 22.♖c2±) 21...♖xd4 22.♘g5 (22.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 23.♙xc6 ♖c8 24.♖e3 ♖xc6 25.♖ac1±) 22...♖d6 23.♘f3±) 15...e5 16.dxe5 ♘xe5 17.♘xe5 ♙xe5 18.h3 h6 19.♙xe5 ♖xe5 20.♖e3 ♖d4 21.♖xd4 ♖xd4= Cheparinov,I (2658)-Raja,H (2472) lichess.org (Int. -blitz) 149/(170) 2021

15.♖xf4 ♙xf3 16.♖xf3 c6 17.♘a4N

17.♖ed1

17...e5 18.dxe5 ♘xe5

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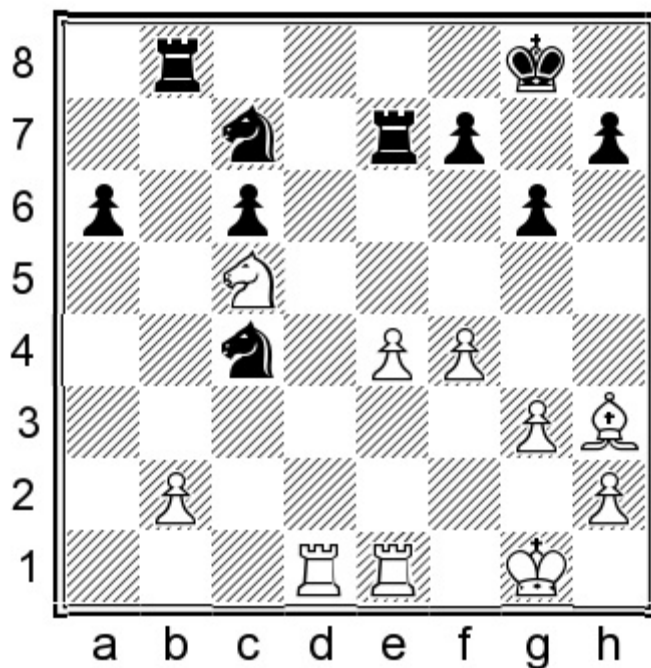
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21...♖ab8 22.f4 ♘d7 23.♖xe7 ♖xe7 24.e4 g6 25.♙h3

25.♖d6! ♘f6 (25...♘b5 26.♖d2 ♘f6 27.♙f3±) 26.♙f3 (26.♖xf6? ♘e8 27.♖xf7 ♘xf7 28.♖d1☞) 26...♙g7 27.♙f2 ♘b5 28.♖d3±

25...b5 26.axb6 ♘xb6 27.♘c5 ♘c4



28.♔f1! ♖xb2

28...♘a5 29.♞d2 ♘b3 30.♘xb3 ♞xb3 31.e5±

29.♞d2 ♔g7 30.♞a1± ♘e6 31.♘xe6+ fxe6

31...♞xe6? 32.♞a2+-

32.♞a2 ♞eb7 33.♞xa6 e5 34.fxe5

34.♞xc6 exf4 35.gxf4 ♞f8 36.♞cc2 ♘a4 37.♞d4 ♘b6 38.e5±

34...♞b4?!

34...c5 35.e6 c4 36.♞d7+ ♔f8 37.♔f2 ♔e8 38.♞ad6 c3 39.♔e3±

35.♞d7+- ♔h6 36.♞aa7 ♘c4 37.♞xh7+ ♔g5 38.♞af7 ♘e3

38...♘e3 39.♞f4

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171. E05

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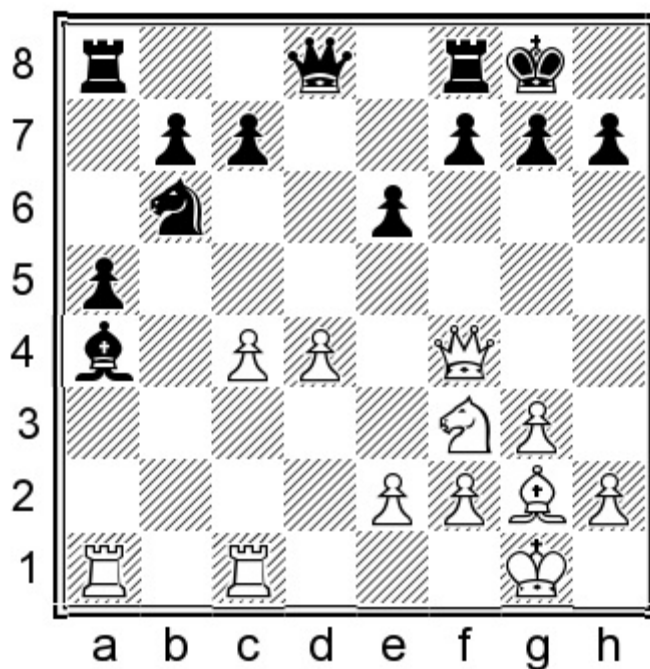
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♔d6 11.♞c1 ♘bd7 12.♘c3 ♘e4

12...♞e7 - 132/177

13.♞d1 ♘xc3N

13...♖e7; 13...♗df6

14.bxc3 a5 15.c4 ♗xf4 16.♖xf4 ♘b6 17.♞dc1 ♗xa4



18.♖d2

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18...♗c6 19.c5

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19...♗d7 20.♞xa5 ♞xa5 21.♖xa5 b6

21...h6 22.♖c3 ♗e4 23.e3 b6 24.cxb6 cxb6 25.♖c7±

22.cxb6 cxb6 23.♖a7 ♗e4 24.e3± ♗f6 25.♗e5 ♗xg2 26.♔xg2 h5

26...h6 27.♖b7 ♖d5+ 28.♖xd5 ♗xd5 29.e4 ♗f6 30.f3±

27.h3?!

27.♖b7 ♖d5+ 28.♖xd5 ♗xd5 (28...exd5 29.♞b1 ♞b8 30.♞b5±) 29.e4 ♗f6 30.f3 ♞b8 31.♔f2±

27...♖d5+ 28.♔g1

28.f3 ♖b3 29.♞c7 ♖xe3 30.♞xf7 ♖e2+=

28...♗e4

28...h4! 29.g4 (29.gxh4 ♖e4 30.♖xb6 ♖xh4=) 29...♗e4 30.♖xb6 (30.♞c7 ♞a8 31.♞c8+ ♞xc8

32.♖xf7+ ♔h7 33.♗h5+ ♔g8=) 30...♟g5 31.♗c6 (31.♔h2? f6 32.♞c5 ♗e4++) 31...♟xh3+ 32.♔f1
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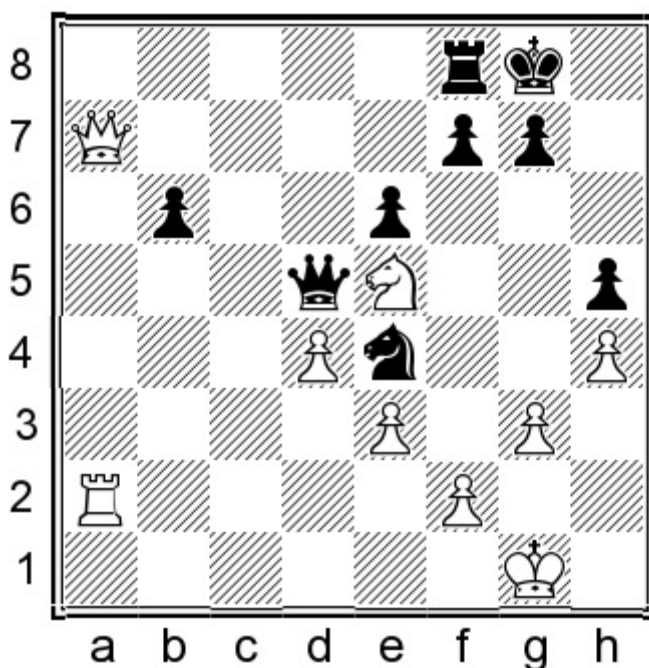
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31...♗b3

31...♗c1+ 32.♔g2 ♟c3 33.♞a1 ♗c2 34.♗a3 ♗e4+ 35.♔h2 ♗c2 36.♞f1 ♟e4 37.♔g2 b5=

32.♔g2 ♗d5 33.♔g1



33...♔h7! 34.♟xf7 ♗f5 35.♟g5+ ♟xg5 36.hxg5 h4!= 37.gxh4 ♗g4+ 38.♔f1 ♞c8

38...♗d1+ 39.♔g2 ♗g4+=

39.♗a3 ♗d1+ 40.♔g2 ♞c1

40...♗g4+=

41.♔g3 ♗g1+ 42.♔f4 ♗h2+ 43.♔e4 ♗g2+?

43...♗xh4+ 44.♔d3 ♞d1+ 45.♔c4 ♗xg5 46.♗b2 ♗d5+ 47.♔b4 ♞c1 48.♗xc1 ♗xa2=

44.f3 ♗h3 45.♗f8 ♞c8 46.♗f7 ♗xh4+ 47.♗f4

47.♔d3 ♗h3 48.♞a7 ♗f1+ 49.♔e4 ♗b1+ 50.♔f4 ♗g6 51.♗xg6+ ♔xg6 52.♞b7 ♞c6 53.e4 ♞c4
 54.♔e5 ♔xg5 55.♞xb6+-

47...♖xf4+ 48.♔xf4 b5 49.♟b2 ♟b8 50.♔e5 ♟b6 51.♟b4

51.e4 b4 52.d5 exd5 53.exd5 ♔g8 54.d6 ♔f8 55.g6+-

51...♔g6 52.f4 ♔f7 53.e4 ♔e7 54.d5 g6 55.dxe6 ♟xe6+ 56.♔d5 ♟d6+ 57.♔c5 ♟d1 58.♟xb5 ♟f1
59.♟b7+ ♔e8 60.f5! gxf5

60...♟g1 61.♟g7 ♟xg5 62.♟xg6+-

61.g6 fxe4 62.♟b8+ 1-0

172. E05

Jianu, Vlad Cristian (2532) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2625)

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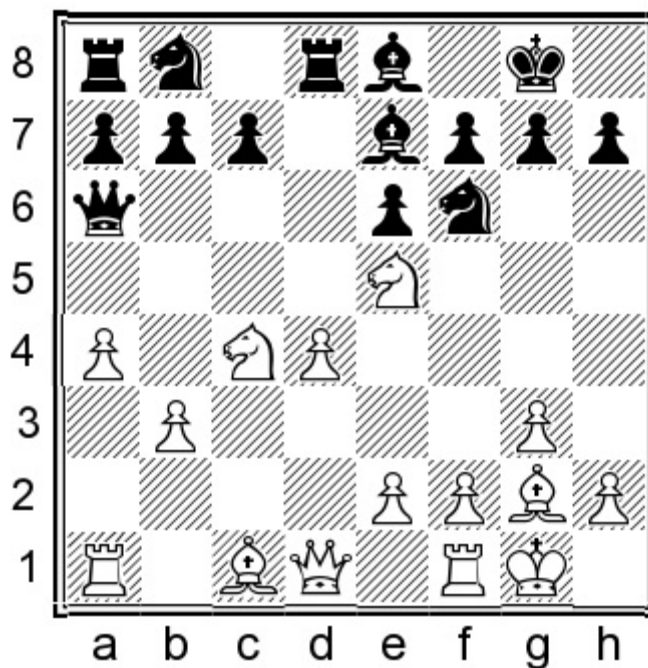
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10.b3 ♙d7N

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16.♟c3 ♙c6 17.♙f1! ♘d5 18.♟c1 ♘c7 19.♟f4±) 12.♙d2! - 140/174

11.a4

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17.♟e3±) 14.♘e5 cxd4 15.♟d3 ♟xd3 16.♘xd3 ♘bd5 17.♙xd4 b6 18.♟fc1 ♟ac8 19.♙b2 ♘e8!? Δ Bf6

11...♙e8



11...dxc6 12. dxd7 dxd7 13. e3 dxb6 14. d2! dxc4 15. bxc4 cxc4 16. b1! ab8 17. c1 e2
 18. a2±; 11...c6 12. dxc6 dxc6 13. e3 ab8 14. b2 da5 15. c1 c5 16. dxa5 cxa5 17. e2 cxd4
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12.b4!

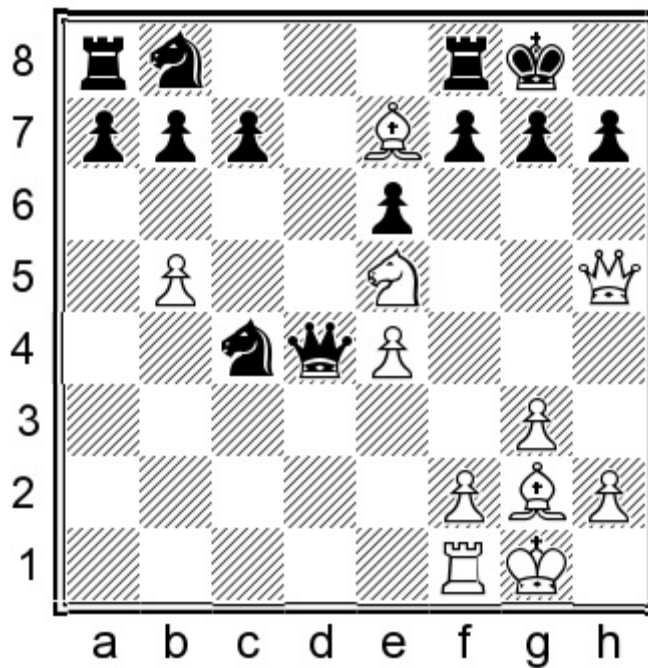
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 dxd5 23. d3±

12...d5

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 19. dxe6 xe6 20. d5 d5 21. db6+-; 12...c6 13. d2! b6 14. e3 d5 15. b3 b7 16. d3 da6
 17. fc1±

13.b3

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19. ♖f3!± Δ♚b2 20. ♕xf8 ♜d7 (20... ♜xf8 21. ♜d1 ♜d6 22. e5 ♚e2 23. ♜d2 ♚xb5 24. ♚xh7 ♜e8 25. ♕f1 ♚a5 26. ♚h5+-) 21. ♕e7 h6 22. ♜d1 ♜cb6 23. ♜d2 ♚b1+ 24. ♕f1 a5 25. bxa6 ♜xa6 26. ♜g2 ♜a1 27. ♕e2! ♚xe4 (27... ♚h1+ 28. ♜h3 ♚c1 29. ♜e5! ♜xe5 30. ♜d8+ ♜h7 31. ♚xe5+-) 28. ♕d3 ♚c6 29. ♕b5+-

13... ♜c6

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18...b6

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19. ♜fd1

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19...♖ac8

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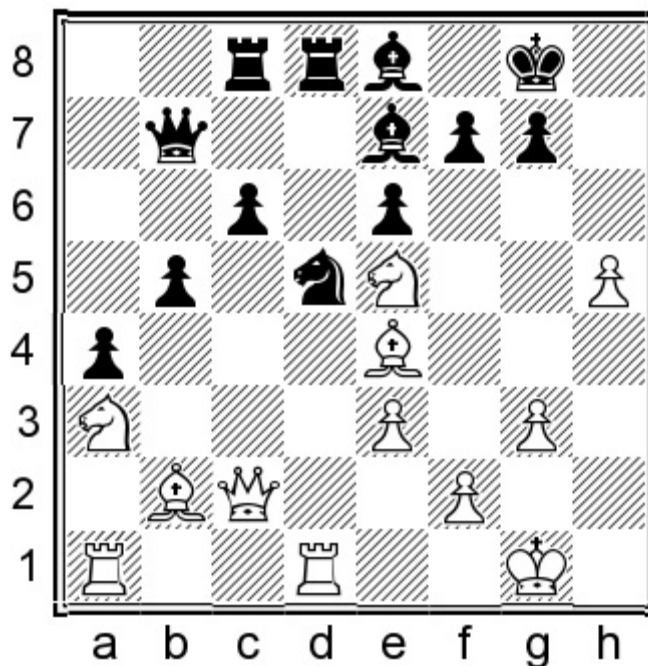
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28...b4! 29.♘ac4

29.♖ab1 f5! 30.♕f3 bxa3 31.♕a1 ♚c7 32.e4 ♕f6! 33.exd5 ♕xe5 34.dxe6 ♕xa1 35.♖xd8 ♖xd8 36.♖xa1
f4↗

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33.♚b2 ♚g5 34.♕f3 c5 35.♖c1 ♘b4∞

33...c5 34.♖a5 c4

34...♖g5 35.♙xd5! ♖xd5 36.♖xd5 exd5 37.♜d3 ♖f5 38.♖c3 d4 39.♖xd4 ♙c6!? (39...cxd4 40.♖xf5 ♖c3=) 40.♖xc5 ♖f3 41.e4 ♙xe4 42.♖xc8+ ♚h7 43.♖xe4+ ♚ ♖xe4 44.♖d8 ♖f3 45.♜f4=

35.♙xd5 exd5 36.♜f3

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36...♖f6 37.♜d4 ♖g5 38.e4⊕ ♖g4

38...c3 39.h6! ♖xh6 40.♜f5 ♖f6 41.♖axd5 ♖xd5 42.exd5 ♙d7 43.♜e3 ♖e5=

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41.♖a7?

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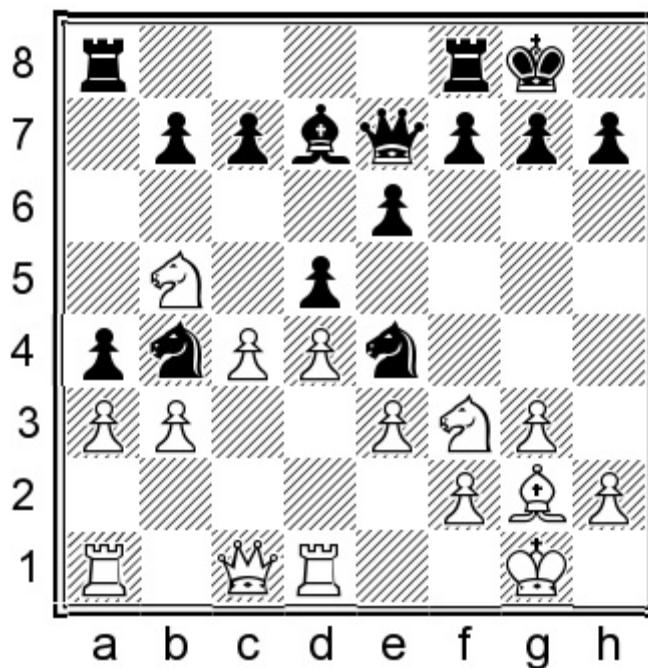
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6.♖c2 - 135/166

6...a5 7.O-O a4 8.♙a3 ♜c6 9.e3N

9.♙xe7; 9.♖c1

9...♜e4 10.♖c1 ♙xa3 11.♜xa3 ♜b4 12.♖d1 ♖e7 13.♜b5 ♙d7 14.a3??



14. ♖xc7?? ♜ac8-+; 14. ♖c3 axb3 15. axb3 ♜xa1 16. ♞xa1 ♙e8 17. ♖e1 f5 18. ♜c1±

14...axb3! 15.axb4 ♞xb4 16.♞b1 ♞a2

16...dxc4 17. ♖e5 ♙xb5-+

17. ♖e1

17. ♞b2 ♞fa8 18. ♖e5 ♙xb5 19. cxb5 (19. ♙xe4 dxc4-+) 19... ♖c3 20. ♖d3 (20. ♞e1 ♞xb2 21. ♞xb2 ♞a2 22. ♖d3 ♞c4-+) 20... ♞xb2 21. ♖xb4 ♖e2+ 22. ♖f1 ♖xc1 23. ♞xc1 ♞a4 24. ♖d3 ♞d2-+

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RR22... ♖xg2 23. ♖xg2 b5-+

23. ♙f3 b4 24. ♖e4 ♖c2 25. ♖c5 ♙b5 26. d5 ♖a3

RR26... ♖xe1 27. ♞xe1 exd5 28. ♙xd5 ♞d8-+

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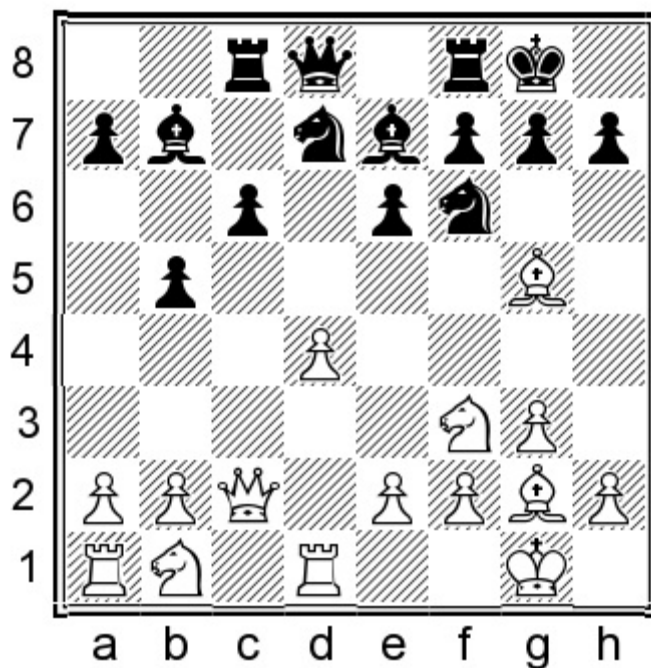
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10. ♖bd2 - 105/(296)

10... ♖bd7 11. ♞d1 ♞c8



12. ♖e5! N

12. ♘c3

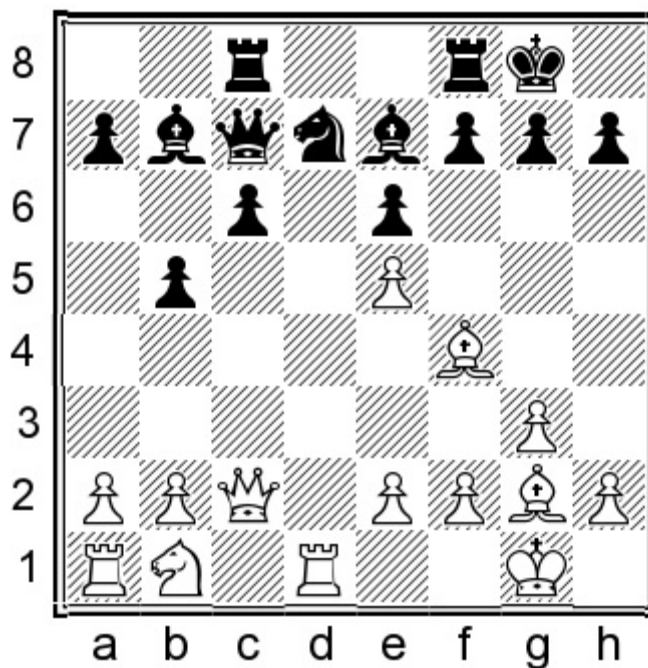
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16. ♘d2 e5 17. ♘e4 exd4 18. exd4±

13... ♘d7?!

13... ♘d5 14. ♕xe7 ♖xe7 15. ♘d2 (15. ♘c3 ♘xc3 16. ♖xc3 c5 17. ♖d6 ♕xg2 18. ♔xg2 c4∞) 15... c5
16. ♘e4 ♘b4 17. ♖c3 ♕xe4 18. ♕xe4 ♖fd8 19. a3 ♘d5 20. ♖f3 ♘b6∞

14. ♕f4 ♖c7



15. Nc3! g5

15... Nxe5 16. a4 (16. Nxb5 cxb5 17. Qxc7 Rxc7 18. Qxe5 Rxc5 19. Qd4 Rxc7 20. Rxc7 Rxc7 22. Qxb7 Rxb7 23. Rxc1 h5 24. Rxc6±) 16... b4 17. Nb5 Qb6 18. Nxa7 Qxa7 19. Qxe5±

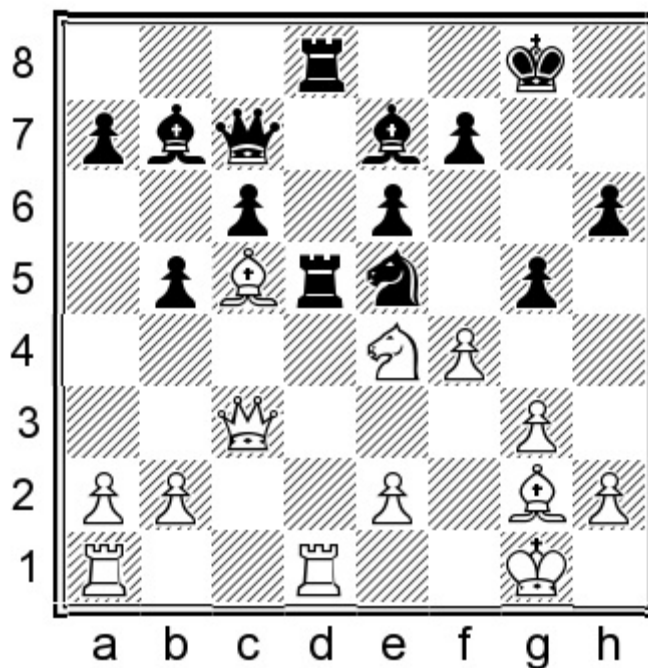
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20. f4

20. b4 a5 21. a3 Rcd8 (21... a4 22. f4 gxf4 23. gxf4 Ng6 24. Ch1! Rcd8 (24... Qxf4 25. Qxe7+-) 25. Rg1 Qxc5 26. Nxc5±) 22. Rf1 Qc8 23. Qxe7 Qxe7 24. f4±

20... Rcd8



21.♖f1! f5

21...gxf4 22.gxf4 ♘g4 23.h3 f5 24.♙xe7 ♜xe7 25.♘f2 ♘xf2 26.♙xd5± exd5 27.♖xf2±

22.♙xe7 ♜xe7 23.fxe5 fxe4 24.♙xe4+- ♖d4

24...♜c5+ 25.♜xc5 ♖xc5 26.♖ad1 ♖xd1 27.♖xd1 ♖xe5 28.♙f3±

25.♜f3

25.♙g6 b4 26.♜e3 c5 27.♖f7 ♖d1+ 28.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 29.♔f2

25...♜g7 26.♖ac1 ♖4d7 27.♜e3

27.♜h5 ♜xe5 28.♖cd1! ♜xe4 (28...♜g7 29.♖xd7 ♜xd7 30.♜g6+ ♜g7 31.♜xe6+ ♔h8 32.♖f6) 29.♖xd7 ♜e3+ 30.♔g2 c5+ 31.♔h3

27...♖f8 28.♖xf8+ ♜xf8 29.♖f1 ♖f7 30.♖xf7 ♜xf7 31.♜xa7 ♜c7 32.♜c5 ♜d7 33.♔f2 ♜d2 34.♜b6 ♜d7 35.h3 ♔g7 36.♔g2 ♔g8 37.g4 ♔g7 38.♙f3 ♔f8 39.b3

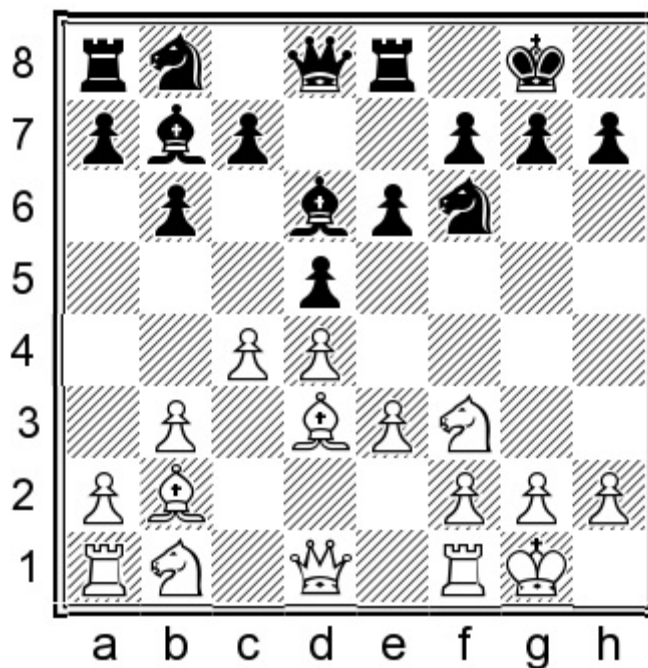
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175. E14

Roy Laguens, Antonio - Avchinikov, Viktor
corr 149/175, 2019

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8...♖bd7 - 116/167

9.♖bd2N

9.♖c3 ♖bd7 10.♖c1 a6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.♖e2 ♖e7 13.♖g3 g6 14.♖c2 ♖ac8 15.♖e2 ♖a8 16.♖c2 b5=

9...c5 10.dxc5

10.cxd5 exd5 11.♖c1 a6 (11...♖c6 12.♖e1 ♖c8 13.♖f1 ♖e4 14.♖g3 ♖f8 15.a3 g6 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.♖xe4 dxe4 18.♖d2 f5 19.♖e2 ♖e5 20.♖xe5 ♖xe5=) 12.♖c2 ♖c6 13.♖b1 (13.dxc5 bxc5 14.♖b1 ♖b4 15.♖f5 g6 16.♖h3 ♖e4 17.a3 ♖xd2 18.♖xd2 ♖c6 19.g3 d4 20.♖g2 ♖b8 21.exd4 ♖xd4 22.♖xd4 ♖xg2 23.♖xg2 cxd4 24.b4 a5 25.♖c4 axb4 26.axb4 ♖e7 27.♖f3 ♖f6=) 13...♖b4 14.♖f5 g6 15.♖h3 a5 16.a3 ♖c6 17.♖fd1=

10...bxc5 11.♖c2

11.♖e1 ♖c6=

11...h6 12.♖fe1 ♖c6 13.a3 ♖d7 14.♖ed1

14.♖h7+ ♖h8 15.♖d3 ♖g8 16.♖ac1 a5 17.♖ed1=

14...♖ce5

14...♖de5 15.♖e2 (15.♖xe5 ♖xe5 16.♖e2 ♖c8 17.♖f3 d4 18.♖xe5 ♖xe5 19.exd4 cxd4 20.♖d3 ♖c7=) 15...♖c8 16.♖ac1 ♖g6 17.♖d3 (17.♖f1 d4 18.exd4 cxd4 19.♖xd4 ♖xd4 20.♖xd4 e5 21.♖d3=) 17...♖ce5 18.♖xe5 ♖xe5 19.♖e2 ♖e7=

15.♖xe5 ♖xe5 16.♖e2 ♖c8

16...♖c7 17.♖ac1 ♖ac8 18.h3 ♖e7 (18...♖g6 19.♖f3 d4 20.exd4 ♖f4 21.♖b1 cxd4 22.♖xd4 ♖h4

23.♖f3 ♕xf3 24.♕xf3 ♜xf3+ 25.gxf3 ♖e7=) 19.♖f3 ♜d7 20.♖d2 ♜f6 21.♕e5 (21.♖c3 ♜ed8 22.♕a1 a6 23.♕b2 ♕c7=) 21...♜ed8 22.♖b2 ♕xe5 23.♜xe5 a5 (23...♕a8 24.♕f3 a5 25.cxd5 exd5 26.♜d3 ♖a7 27.b4 c4 28.♜e1 d4 29.♜xd4 ♜xd4 30.♖xd4 ♖xd4 31.exd4 ♕xf3 32.♜xf3 axb4 33.axb4=) 24.♕f3

17.♜ac1 ♖c7

17...♖e7 18.♖f3 ♜g4 19.h3 ♜f6 20.♕e5 a5 21.♖c3 ♕xe5 22.♜xe5 ♜e4 23.♖b2 ♜ed8=

18.h3 ♖e7 19.♖f3 ♜d7 20.♕a1 ♕b8 21.♖d2 ♜f6 22.♕e5 ♜e4

22...♜ed8 23.♖b2 ♜e4 24.♕xb8 ♜xb8 25.♜d2 dxc4 26.♜xe4 ♕xe4 27.♜xd8+ ♜xd8 28.♕xc4=;
22...♕a8 23.♖b2 ♕xe5 24.♜xe5 a5 25.♕f3 ♜b8 26.♖c3=

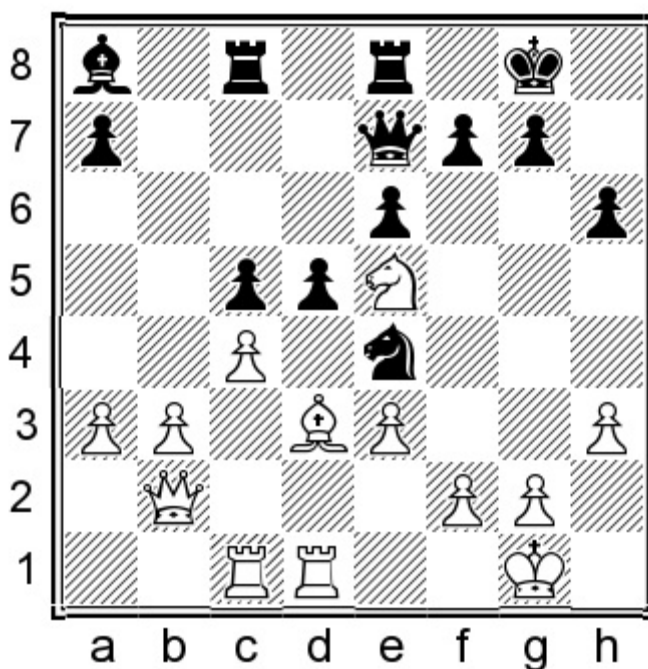
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23...♜ed8 24.cxd5 ♕xe5 25.♜xe5 exd5 26.♕f3 ♜g5 27.♕g4 ♜c7 28.b4=

24.♕d3

24.♕xg7? e5+

24...♕xe5 25.♜xe5



25.♖xe5 ♜d6 26.♜d2 ♖c7 27.♜c2 ♖b6 28.♜dc1 ♕b7=

25...♜d6= 26.♕e2 ♜b8 27.♖c3 ♜e4 28.♖c2 ♖f6 29.f4 ♖h4 30.♕f3 ♖g3 31.♜e1 ♜ed8 32.cxd5 exd5 33.a4 f6 34.♜g4 ♜b4 35.♜e2 f5 36.♜f2 ♕b7 37.♜d3 ♕a6 38.♜xb4 ♕xe2 39.♖xe2 cxb4 40.♜f1 ♜h7 41.a5 ♜c8 42.♖d1 ♜c5 43.a6 ♖g6 44.♖d4 ♜a5 45.♖xb4 ♖xa6 46.♜e1 ♜b5 47.♖e7 ♖c6 48.♜d1 ♜xb3 49.♖f7 ♖f6 50.♖xa7 ♖c3

50...♖h4 51.♕xe4 fxe4 52.♖d7 ♖g3 53.♖f5+ ♜h8=

51.♔d4 ♚xd4 52.♞xd4= ♞b5 53.h4 g5 54.fxg5 hxg5 55.g4 ♞b1+ 56.♔g2 ♞b2+ 57.♔h3 ♞b3 1/2-1/2

176. E16

Vitiugov, Nikita (2724) - Plat, Vojtech (2525)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/176, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♘b7 5.♙g2 ♘b4+ 6.♙d2 ♚e7 7.O-O ♙xd2 8.♚xd2 O-O 9.♘c3 d5
10.cxd5 exd5 11.♘h4

11.♞ac1 - 69/(475)

11...♞d8

11...♘e4? 12.♘f5 ♚f6 (12...♘xd2 13.♘xe7+ ♔h8 14.♞fd1+-) 13.♙xe4! dxe4 14.♚f4±; 11...g6
12.♚g5 ♘a6 13.f4↑

12.♘f5 ♚f8 13.♚f4 ♘a6 14.♞ac1N

14.♞ad1

14...c5 15.♞fd1 ♙c6

15...♞d7 16.♙h3 (16.♘h6+ ♔h8 17.♙h3 ♞e7 18.♘f5 ♞e6 19.♙g2 ♞d8 20.g4±) 16...♞dd8 (16...♔h8
17.dxc5 bxc5 18.♘xg7! ♚xg7 19.♙xd7 ♘xd7 20.♘xd5+-) 17.g4±

16.♘e3± ♚e8 17.dxc5 ♘xc5 18.♘exd5 ♘xd5 19.♘xd5

19.♙xd5?! ♙xd5 20.♘xd5 ♚xe2 21.♞d2 ♚e4 22.♚g5±

19...♞ac8 20.♚e3

20.h4 ♘e6 21.♚g4±

20...♚xe3 21.♘xe3 ♙b5 22.♙f3

22.♔f1 ♔f8 23.♞xd8+ ♞xd8 24.♔e1 g6 25.a3±

22...♘e6 23.♞xc8 ♞xc8 24.♙g4 ♔f8 25.♔f1

25.f4 g6 26.♔f2 f5 27.♙f3 h5 28.♞d6 ♔e7 29.♞d2±

25...♞c5 26.♔e1 h5 27.♙xe6 fxe6 28.♞d4

28.♞d8+ ♔e7 29.♞g8 ♔f7 30.♞a8 ♞c7 31.f3 ♔f6 32.h4 ♔e5 33.♞h8 g6 34.g4±

28...♞c1+ 29.♞d1

29.♔d2± ♞c8 30.b3 ♔e7 31.♘c4 ♞c5 32.f4 g5 33.♘e5+-

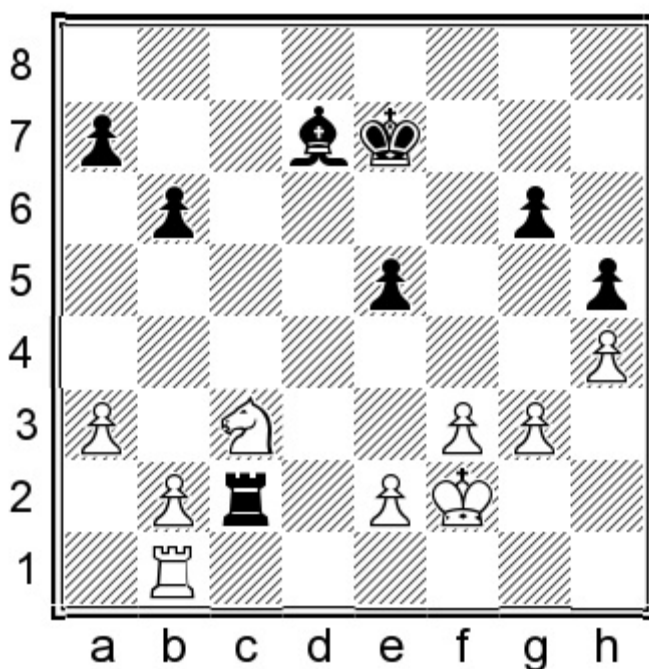
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♞c8 38.♞d2 ♞c1 39.♘d1 ♙c6 40.♔e3 e5 41.♘c3 ♞g1 42.♔f2 ♞c1 43.♘a2 ♞b1

43...♞h1± 44.♘b4 ♙b7

44.♘c3

44.♘b4+- ♙b7 45.♘d3

44...♞c1 45.♞d1 ♞c2 46.♞b1 ♙d7



47.♘d5+! ♙e6 48.♘b4 ♞c8 49.♘d3 ♙b5 50.♞c1+- ♞d8 51.♙e3 ♙xd3 52.exd3 ♙d6 53.♙e4 ♞g8 54.b4 a6

54...g5 55.b5 gxf4 56.gxf4 ♙d7 57.♞c6 ♞g1 58.♙xe5

55.a4 g5 56.b5 axb5 57.axb5 gxf4 58.gxf4 ♞f8 59.♞c6+ ♙d7 60.♞xb6

60.♞h6 ♞f4+ 61.♙xe5 ♞xf4 62.♞h7+ ♙e8 63.d4 ♞h2 64.d5

60...♞f4+ 61.♙xe5 ♞xf3 62.♞h6 ♞xd3 63.♞xh5 ♞b3 64.♙f6 1-0

177. E24

Adhiban, Baskaran (2660) - Delgado Ramirez, Neuris (2622)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/177, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♙xc3+ 6.bxc3 c6 7.e4 dxe4 8.fxe4 e5 9.♘f3 ♞a5 10.♙d2
10.♞d3 - 86/487

10...♘xe4 11.♙d3!

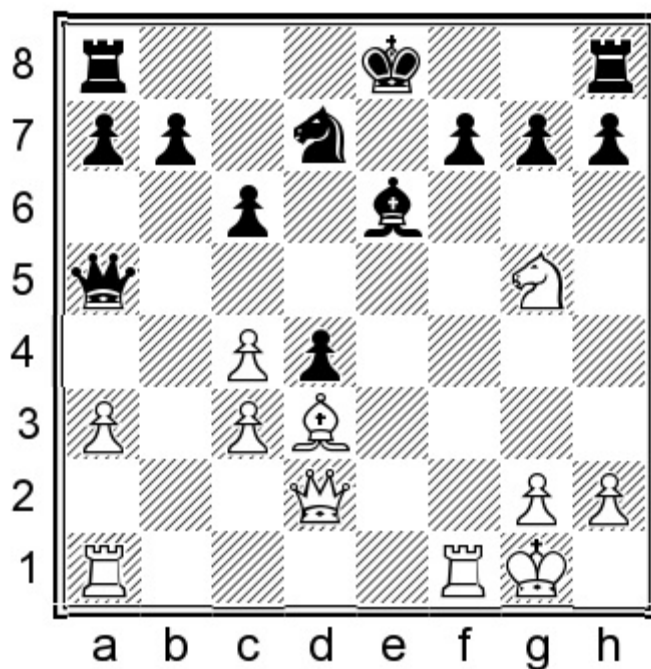
11.♘xe5 O-O!

11...♘xd2 12.♞xd2 exd4?!

12...♙e6

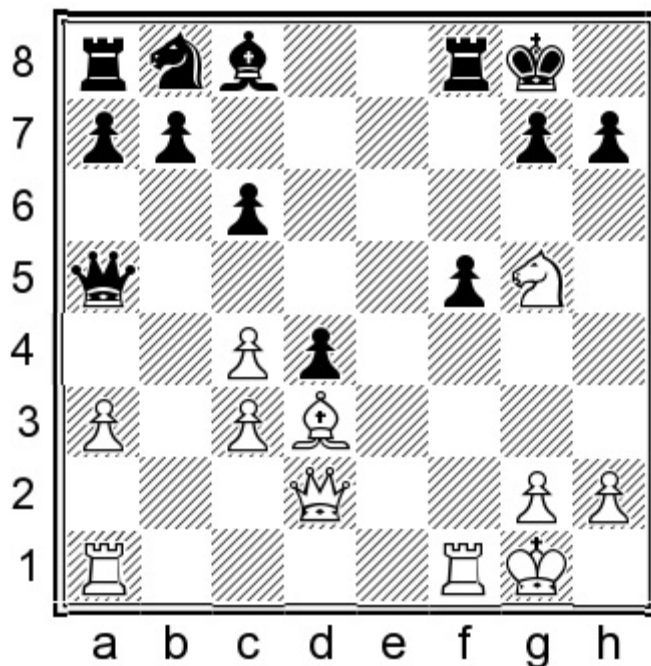
13.O-O! O-ON

13...♙e6 14.♘g5! (14.♖ab1? dxc3±) 14...♞d7



15.♖xf7!! h6 (15...♚xc3 16.♚e1! ♞c5 17.♖f5 ♚xe1+ 18.♖xe1 ♞xd3 19.♖xe6+ ♔d8 20.♖d6+ ♔c7 21.♖xd4 ♞b2 22.c5+-; 15...♙xf7 16.♖e1+ ♞e5 17.♚f4 O-O 18.♙xh7+ ♔h8 19.♚h4 ♞g4 20.♚xg4 ♚xc3 21.♚h4 ♙h5 22.♙f5 ♚xe1+ 23.♚xe1 ♖xf5 24.♚h4 ♖xg5 25.♚xg5 ♙f7 26.♚h4+ ♔g8 27.♚xd4±) 16.♚e1 ♚e5 17.♖xd7 ♚xe1+ 18.♖xe1 ♔xd7 19.♞xe6 dxc3 20.♞xg7±

14.♘g5! f5



14...♚xc3 15.♚e2! (15.♙xh7+? ♔h8 16.♚f2 ♚e3 17.♚xe3 dxe3=) 15...f5 16.♖fc1 ♚a5 17.c5+-;

14...♖d7 15.♙xh7+ ♔h8 16.♙d3 f6 17.♗h7!± →

15.c5! ♕h8

15...♜xc5 16.♞a2+ ♔h8 17.♗f7+ ♜xf7 18.♞xf7 dxc3+ 19.♔h1 ♞d5 20.♞e7+-

16.♞e2

16.♞a2!?

16...♗d7?!

16...♞xc3? 17.♗f7+ ♕g8 18.♗h6+! gxf6 19.♙c4+ ♕g7 20.♞e7+ ♕g6 21.♞xf8+-; 16...♜xc5 17.♞h5
h6 18.♞ae1+-

17.♗xh7!+- dxc3

17...♞d8 18.♞f3

18.♞h5 ♜xc5+ 19.♔h1 ♕g8 20.♙xf5 ♞d5 21.♗g5! ♗f6 22.♞h7+! 1-0

E25-E49

178. E36

Lupulescu, Constantin (2656) - So, Wesley (2770)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.♖c2 O-O 5.a3 ♙xc3+ 6.♖xc3 d5 7.♘f3 dxc4 8.♖xc4 b6 9.♙g5 ♙a6
10.♖a4 h6 11.♙h4 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.♞d1

13.♞c1 - 133/ 175

13...♖b6 14.♙xf6 gxf6 15.e3 ♙xf1 16.♙xf1 ♘c6 17.g3

17.♞d6 ♞ac8 18.h4 ♞fd8 19.♞xd8+ ♞xd8 (19...♞xd8 20.♞h3 ♘e7=) 20.♙e2 ♖b6=; 17.h4 ♞fd8
18.♞b1 ♞d5=

17...♖b7 18.♙g2 ♘e5 19.♖f4 ♙g7

19...♘xf3 20.♖xf3 ♖xb2 21.♞d7 ♖e5 22.♖g4+ ♖g5 23.♖xg5+ fxg5 24.♞c1 ♞fc8 25.♞b1=

20.e4 ♘xf3

20...♖xb2 21.♞d2 ♖c3 22.♘xe5 ♖xe5 (22...fxe5? 23.♖g4+ ♙h7 24.♞hd1 ♞g8 25.♖h5 ♞g7 26.♞d7
♞f8 27.♞1d3±) 23.♖xe5 fxe5 24.♞c2 ♞ac8 25.♞hc1=

21.♖xf3 ♖xb2 22.♞d7N

22.♖g4+ ♙h8 23.♖f4 ♙g7=

22...♞fd8 23.♞hd1 ♞xd7 24.♞xd7 ♖e5

24...♖b5!? 25.♞c7 ♖b6 26.♖f4! ♞d8 27.h4 (27.♖g4+? ♙f8 28.♖f4 ♙e8-+ Δ e5) 27...a5 28.a4

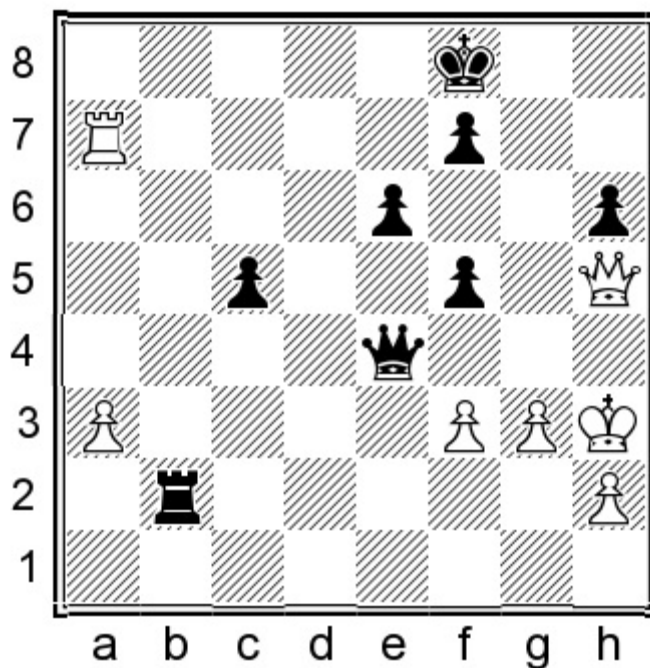
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26...f5 27.♖h5 ♖f6 28.exf5 ♞c8 29.fxe6 ♖xe6 30.♖d5 (30.♞xa7? c4-+) 30...♖xd5+ 31.♞xd5=

27.♞xa7 f5 28.♖h5 ♖xe4+ 29.f3

29.♙h3 ♖g4+ 30.♖xg4 fxg4+ 31.♙xg4 ♞b2 (31...♞c8=) 32.♙f3 c4=

29...♞b2+□ 30.♙h3



30...♖xh2+ 31.♔xh2 ♕e2+ 32.♔g1 ♕e1+ 33.♔g2 ♕e2+ 34.♔g1 ♕e1+ 35.♔g2 ♕e2+ 36.♔g1 1/2-1/2

179. E39

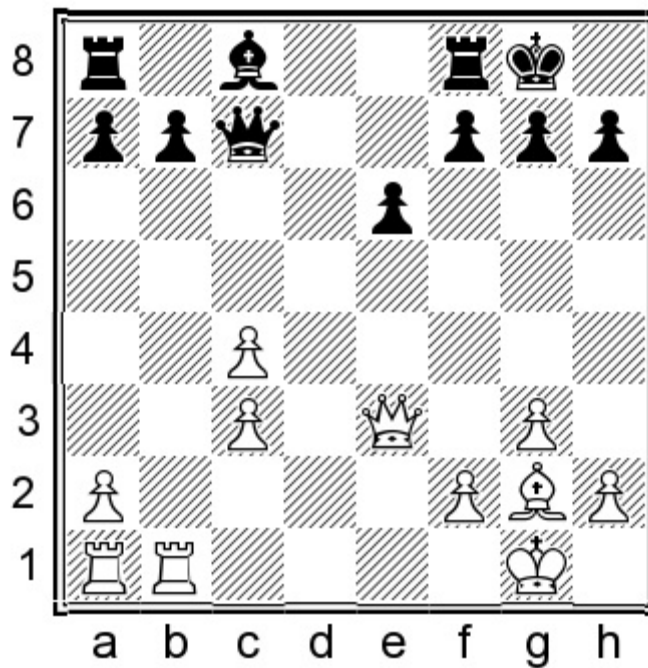
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18.♖ab1 - 53/(547)

18...♕c7 19.♖fb1



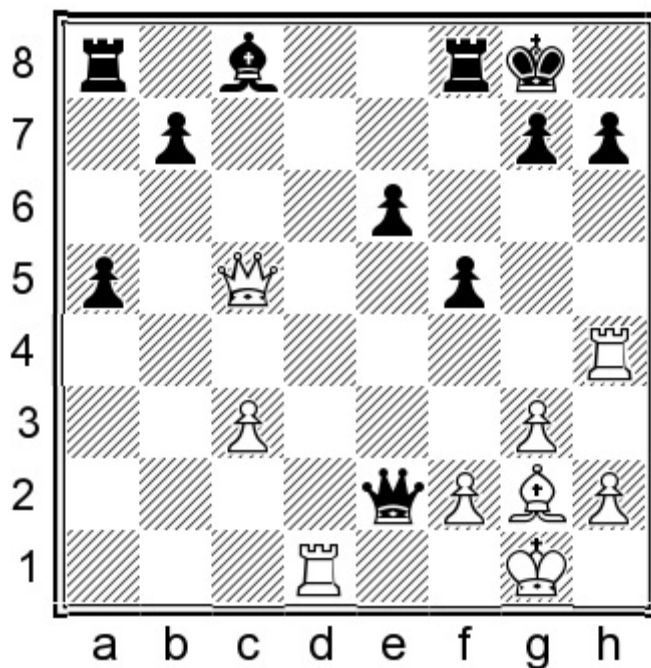
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19...Qxc4N

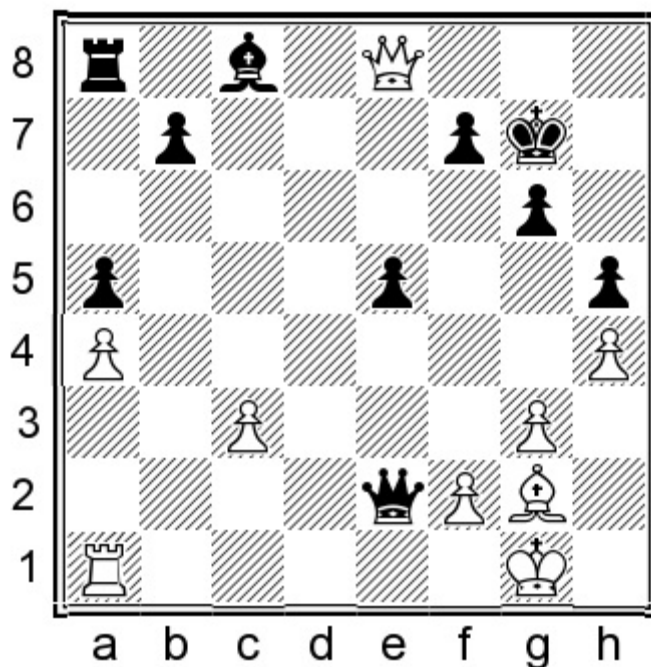
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20.Qxb7

20.Rb4 Qc7 21.Rd1 a5 22.Rb5 Qc4 23.Rh5 f5 24.Rh4 Qc7 (Δ Bd7) (24...Qxa2? 25.Qc5! Qe2



26. Rhd4!+-) 25. Qd3 Qe7 (Δ e5) 26. Re1 Ra6 27. Qb5 Rd8 Δ Rad6=; 20. Qe5 a5 21. Rb5 f6!? 22. Rc5 Qxa2 23. Rxa2 fxe5 24. Rcx5 Rxa5 25. Rxa5 b6 26. Rxe5 Qd7 Δ Rc8=; 20. a4!? a5 (20... Qc7 21. a5 a6 22. Rb6 Rb8 23. Rc1 Δ c4→) 21. Rb5 Rd8 (21... Qc7 22. Rd1 Rd8 23. Rd4=) 22. Qb6 Rd2 23. Rc5 Qe2 24. Rd5!? (24. Rf1 g6 25. h4 Qd3 26. h5 (26. Rxa5 Rxa5 27. Qxa5 Qd6 28. h5 Qg7 29. Qg5 h6→) 26... Qd8 27. Rb1 Qxb6 28. Rxb6 Qg7 29. Qxb7 Qxb7 30. Rxb7 Ra2=) 24... Rxd5 25. Qxd5 g6 26. Qg2 (26. Qd8+ Qg7 27. Qg2 e5 28. h4 h5 29. Rb1 (29. Qe8



29...e4! 30. Qxe4 Qf5 31. Qxa8 Qxe4 32. Qxa5 Qf3 33. Qe5+ Qh7 34. Qf1 Qd3+ 35. Qe1 Qh1+ 36. Qd2 Qxa1 37. Qxd3 Qd1+=) 29... Qh3! 30. Qxa8 Qxg2 31. Qxg2 Qe4+ 32. Qh2 Qxb1 33. Qxa5 Qe1 34. Qc5 Qe4=) 26... Qd3 27. c4 Ra6 (27... Qxc4? 28. Rd1±) 28. Qc7 (28. Qb5 Qd4=) 28... Qd7 29. Qb8 Rb6 30. Qf3 e5□ 31. Rd1 Qf5 32. Qg4 Qxg4 33. Rd8+ Qg7 34. Qxe5+ Rf6□ 35. Qe8 Re6! 36. Qf8+ Qf6

37.♖h8+ ♔e7 38.♞xc8 ♞e1+ 39.♔g2 ♞e4+=

20...♙xb7 21.♞xb7 h6

21...a5 22.♞e5 22...♞fd8 23.♞h5 g6 24.♞f3 e5 (24...♞f8?! 25.♞xf7!) 25.♞e7 ♞e8 26.♞e1 ♞xa2
27.♞1xe5 ♞f8 28.h4 h5 29.♞e4 a4 30.♞5e6=

22.♞xa7

22.♞f3 ♞c5 23.♞d1 (23.♞xf7 ♞xf7 24.♞xa8+ ♞f8 25.♞g2 ♞xc3=) 23...♞ab8 24.♞dd7 (24.♞xb8 ♞xb8
25.♞d7 ♞b1+ 26.♔g2 f5 27.♞a8+ ♔h7 28.♞xa7 ♞c6+ 29.♔h3 ♞xc3=) 24...♞xb7 25.♞xb7 ♞a3=

22...♞xa7 23.♞xa7 ♞xc3= 24.♞b1 ♞c2 25.♞b8 ♞d1+ 26.♔g2 ♞d5+ 27.♔g1 ♞d1+ 28.♔g2 ♞d5+
29.♔g1 ♞d1+ 1/2-1/2

180. * E43

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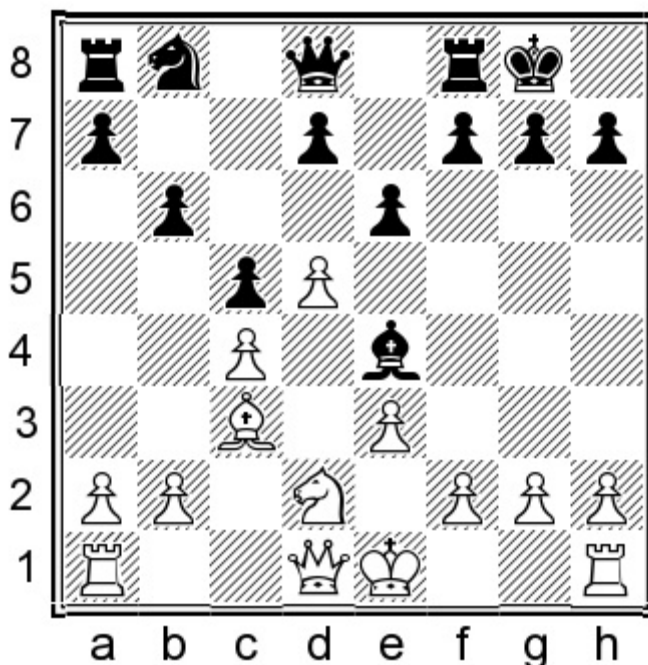
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♙d2!? b6 6.♘f3 ♙b7 7.♙d3 ♙xc3?!

7...d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.O-O; 7...d6 - 39/(700)

8.♙xc3 ♘e4 9.♙xe4 ♙xe4 10.d5! c5?

10...f6 11.♘h4!? (11.♘d2 ♙g6 12.h4 h6 13.♞g4↑) 11...♞e8 12.f3 ♙g6 13.e4±; 10...exd5 11.♞d4! f6
(11...♞f6 12.♞xf6 gxf6 13.cxd5 ♙xd5 14.♙xf6±) 12.cxd5 ♞e8 13.♘d2 ♙g6 14.O-O±

11.♘d2



11.h4!?

11...♙f5N

11...exd5 12.♘xe4 dxe4 13.♚g4 f6 14.♚xe4 ♘c6 15.♖d1±; 11...♙g6 - 149/(180) 12.h4 exd5 13.cxd5 d6N Artemiev,V (2709)-Andreikin,D (2725) lichess.org (Int.-m/6-blitz) 149/(180) 2021 (13...d6 14.♚e2!? h6 15.g4→; 13...h6)11...♙xg2

12.e4

12.♚f3 ♘a6 13.e4 exd5 14.cxd5! (14.exf5?? ♖e8+ 15.♔f1 d4±) 14...♙g6 15.h4+-

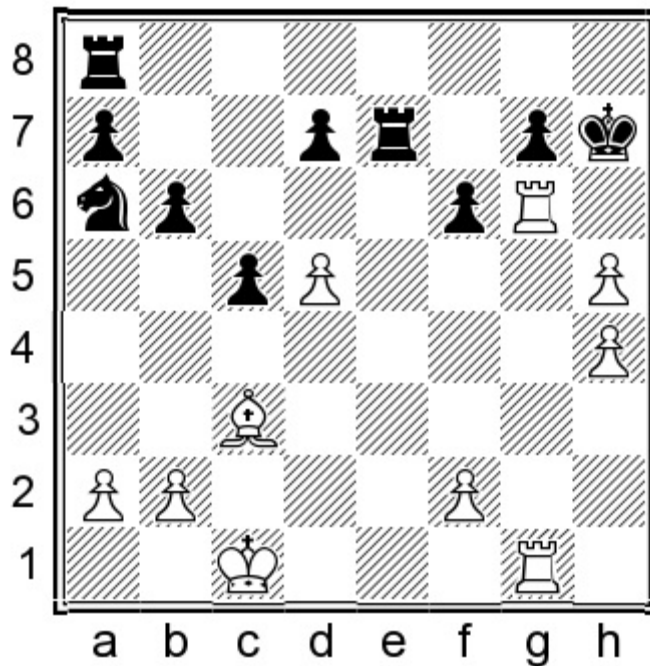
12...exd5 13.cxd5 ♖e8?!

13...♙xe4 14.♘xe4 ♚e7 15.f3 f5 16.O-O fxe4 17.♖e1 e3 18.♚d3 ♖e8 19.♖e2 ♚d6 20.♖xe3 ♖xe3 21.♚xe3±

14.♚f3 ♙g6 15.h4 h5 16.g4! ♙xe4 17.♘xe4 ♚e7 18.O-O-O

18.♔d2

18...♚xe4 19.♚xe4 ♖xe4 20.gxh5 f6 21.♖dg1 ♔h7 22.♖g6 ♘a6 23.♖hg1 ♖e7



24.h6! ♘b4 25.♙xb4 cxb4 26.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 27.hxg7 ♔g8

27...♖g8 28.♔c2 ♖xg7 29.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 30.♔b3 ♔g6 31.♔xb4 ♔h5 32.♔b5 ♔xh4 33.♔a6 ♔g4 34.a4 ♔f3 35.♔xa7 ♔xf2 36.♔xb6+-

28.h5 ♖c8+ 29.♔d2 ♖c5 30.h6 ♖xd5+ 31.♔e3 ♖h5 32.♖g6 ♖h3+ 33.f3 1-0

E50-E74

181. E54

Jobava, Baadur (2603) - Shankland, Samuel L (2709)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/181, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♘b4 5.e3 O-O 6.♘d3 dxc4 7.♘xc4 c5 8.O-O cxd4 9.exd4 b6
10.♞e2 ♘b7 11.♞d1 h6

11...♘xc3 - 103/384

12.♘f4 ♘c6 13.♘d3N

13.d5

13...♘e7 14.♘e5

14.a3 ♘d6 15.♘e5 ♘fd5=

14...♘fd5 15.♞ac1 ♘xc3

15...♞c8!?

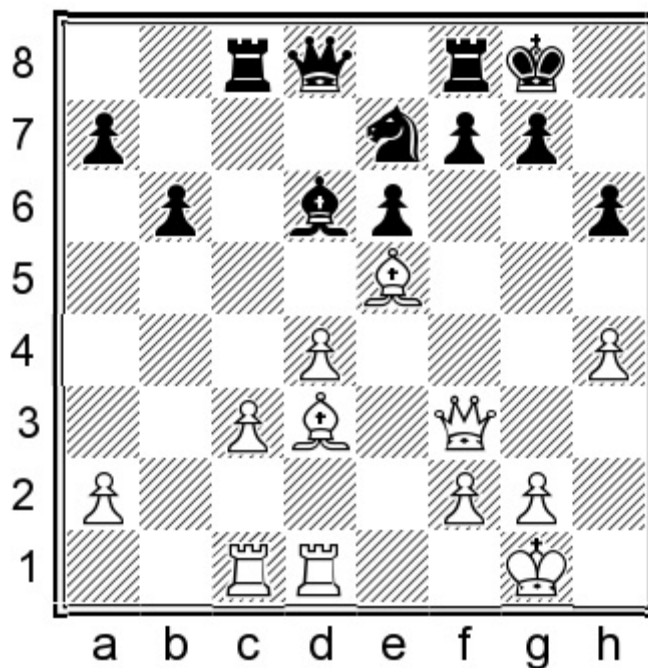
16.bxc3 ♘xf3

16...♘d6!?

17.♞xf3 ♘d6 18.h4

18.♞e4 ♘g6 19.f4 ♞c8=

18...♞c8?!



18...♙xe5 19.dxe5 ♖c7 20.♙e4 g6 21.h5 ♔g7=

19.h5

19.♙e4 f5 20.♙e2 ♙xe5 21.♙xe5±

19...♙c7

19...♙xe5 20.dxe5 ♘d5 21.♙e4 (21.c4 ♙g5 22.♙e4 ♜fe8=) 21...f5 22.exf6 ♙xf6∞

20.♙xd6 ♙xd6 21.c4

21.♙e4!? f5 22.♙e1

21...♜fd8 22.♙e4 ♔f8= 23.♙e2 ♘g8 24.♙e3 ♘f6 25.a4 ♜c7

25...♙b4!?

26.a5 ♙e7 27.axb6

27.♙b3!?

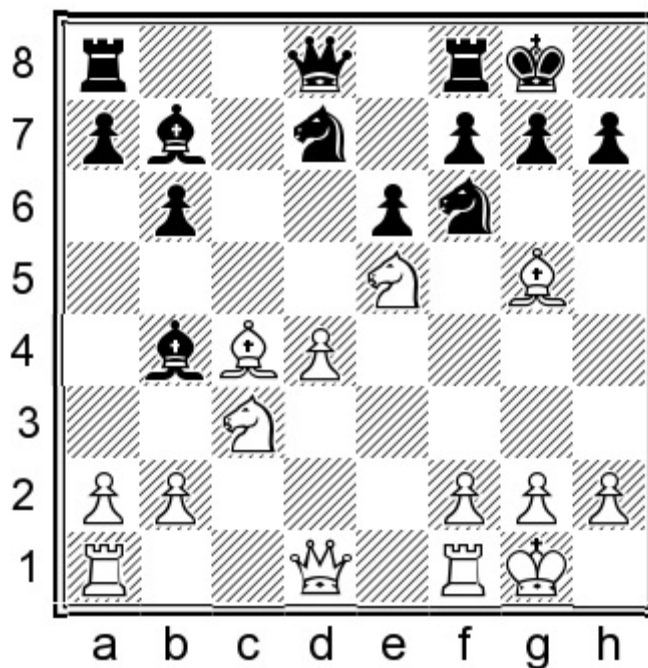
27...axb6 28.♜b1 ♜c6 29.♜dc1 ♜dc8 30.♜b5 ♘e8 31.♜cb1 ♙c7 32.d5 exd5 33.cxd5 ♜c1+ 34.♙f1 ♜xb1 35.♜xb1 ♘f6 36.♜xb6 ♘xd5 37.♙a3+ ♙c5 38.♙xc5+ ♜xc5 39.♜b8+ 1/2-1/2

182. E54

Van Foreest, Jorden (2701) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2687)

Praha 149/182, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♙d3 c5 6.♘f3 d5 7.O-O dxc4 8.♙xc4 cxd4 9.exd4 b6
10.♙g5 ♙b7 11.♘e5 ♘bd7



12. ♖xf7!?

12. ♖xd7 - 105/311

12... ♖xf7N

12... ♖xf7 13.d5 (13. ♖b3 ♕xc3 14. ♕xe6+ ♖g6) 13... ♖e5 (13... e5!? 14.d6+ ♖g6 15.f4) 14.dxe6+ ♖e7 (14... ♖g6 15. ♕d5!? (15. ♖c2+ ♖xg5 16. ♖ad1 ♖e8! 17.h4+! ♖xh4 18. ♖d4+ ♖g5 19. ♖d2+ ♖g6 20. ♕d3+ ♖xd3 21. ♖xd3+ ♖h6 22. ♖h3+! (22. ♖e3+? g5 23. ♖xb4 ♖c6-+) 22... ♖h5 23. ♖xb4)) 15. ♖d5+ ♕xd5 16. ♕xd5 ♖c8 17. ♖b3

13. ♕xe6 ♖f8 14. ♖b3 ♕xc3 15. bxc3 ♖e8 16. ♕xf7+

16. ♕c4 ♖c8 17.f3 (17. ♕e6 ♖e4) 17... ♖xc4 18. ♖xc4 h6↑; 16. ♖ac1!?

16... ♖xf7 17. ♖xf7+ ♖xf7 18.c4 ♖c8

18... ♖e4!?

19. ♖fc1 ♕a6

⬇19...h6

20.c5 ♖d5

20...bxc5 21.dxc5±

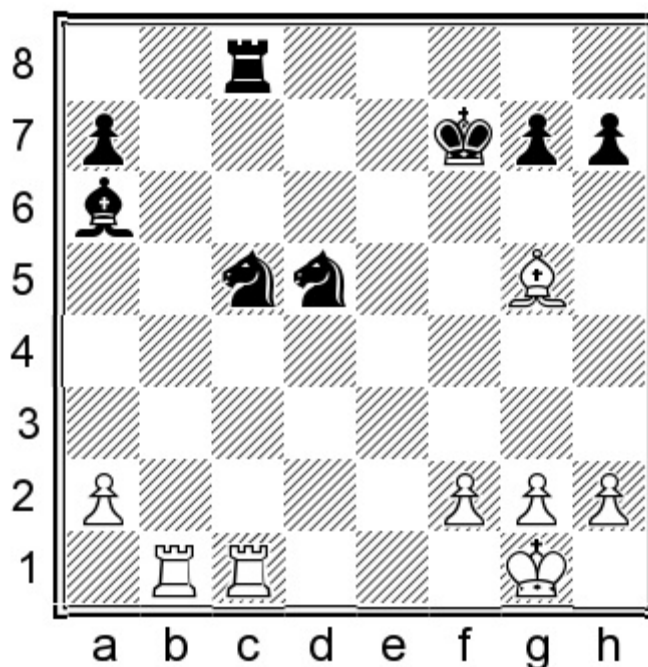
21. ♖ab1

21.cxb6 axb6 22. ♖xc8 ♕xc8 23. ♖c1±

21...bxc5

21...b5!?

22.dxc5 ♖xc5



22...h6!?

23.♙e3?!

23.f3!?!; 23.h4!?

23...♖xe3 24.fxe3 ♕e6= 25.♖b4 g6 26.h3 ♕e5 27.♖f4 ♕e6 28.♖c3 ♖d3

28...♖c7=

29.♖xc8 ♙xc8 30.♖f8 ♙b7 31.♖h8 ♙d5 32.♖xh7 ♙xa2 33.♖xa7 ♙c4 34.♖a4 ♖e5 35.♕f2 ♕f5 36.♖a8 ♕e4 37.♖e8 ♙b5 38.♖e7 ♕f5 39.g4+ ♕f6 40.♖b7 ♙c6 41.♖b8 g5 42.♕g3 ♙d7 43.♖b6+ ♙e6 44.h4 gxh4+ 45.♕xh4 ♖xg4 46.♖xe6+ ♕xe6 47.♕xg4 ♕e5 48.e4 ♕xe4 1/2-1/2

183. E60

Greenfeld, Alon (2507) - Sivuk, Vitaly (2547)

Israel 149/183, 2021

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♖f3 g6 3.c4 ♙g7 4.g3 c5 5.♙g2 ♖a5+ 6.♖c3 ♖e4 7.♖d3 cxd4 8.♖xd4 ♖c5 9.♖d1 ♖c6 10.♙e3 ♖e6 11.♖xe6 ♙xc3+ 12.bxc3 dxe6 13.O-O O-O 14.♖b3 ♖c7 15.♖fd1N

15.♖b5 - 68/(487)

15...♙d7

15...e5 16.♖b5 ♙e6 (16...♖a5? 17.♙h6 a6 18.♖a4 ♖xc4 (18...♖d8 19.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 20.♖d1+-) 19.♙xf8 ♕xf8 20.♖b4±) 17.♙d5 ♙xd5 18.♖xd5 ♖fd8 19.♖ad1 ♖xd5 20.cxd5 ♖a5 21.♙c5±

16.♖ab1 ♖ab8 17.♚a3 ♜fc8 18.♙c5 b6

18...e5!? 19.♙xe7 (19.♖b2 ♙e6 20.♙xc6 bxc6 21.♖xb8 ♖xb8 22.♙xe7 ♙xc4=) 19...♞xe7 20.♚xe7
 ♙g4 21.♚xc7 (21.♚f6 ♙xe2 22.♖d6 ♖e8 23.♖e1 ♙xc4 24.♖xe5 ♙e6=) 21...♖xc7 22.♖d2 ♖xc4
 23.♖xb7 ♖xb7 24.♙xb7 ♖xc3=

19.♙xc6! ♙xc6

19...♚xc6 20.♙xe7 e5 21.♚d6 ♙h3 22.♚xc6 ♖xc6 23.c5±

20.♙xe7 ♙a8

♞20...♚e5 21.♖b2 ♖b7 (21...♚e4 22.f3 ♚e3+ 23.♙g2 e5 24.♙f6±) 22.♖d4 ♖e8 23.♚d6 ♚xd6
 24.♙xd6 e5 25.♖d3±

21.♙d6 ♚c6 22.f3 ♖b7 23.♖d4

23.♖b2 f6 (23...♚xc4?! 24.♙e5 ♖f8 25.♙f6±) 24.♖bd2 ♙g7 25.♙f2 e5 26.♙e7±

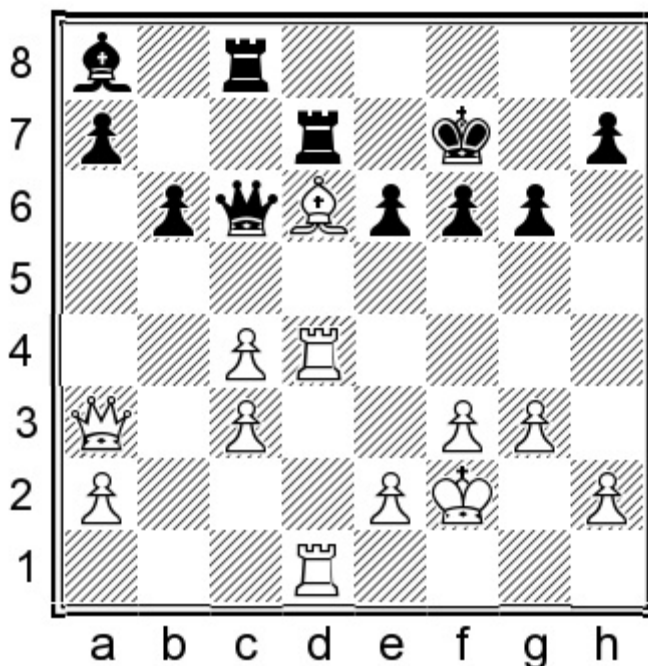
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23...e5 24.♙xe5 ♚e6 25.♖e4 ♖e7 26.♖e3 ♚d7 27.♙f4 ♖xe3 28.♙xe3±

24.♖bd1 ♖d7

24...♙g7 25.c5! bxc5 26.♖a4 ♖d8 27.♖xa7 ♖xd6 28.♖xd6 ♚xd6 29.♙f2! ♚d2 30.♚a6! ♚xc3
 31.♖xb7+ ♙xb7 32.♚xb7+ ♙f8 33.♚c8+ ♙e7 34.♚c7+ ♙e8 35.♚d6±

25.♙f2 ♙f7



26.♙f8! ♖cc7

26...♖dc7 27.♖d8 ♖xd8 28.♖xd8 ♖d7 29.♖b8 g5 30.♙h6+-

27.♠xd7+ ♠xd7 28.♙h6! ♠e7 29.♠d8 e5 30.h4

30.♠f8+ ♕e6 31.♠xf6+! ♕xf6 32.♙g5+ ♕xg5 33.♞xe7+ ♞f6 (33...♕h6 34.♞f8+ ♕h5 35.g4+ ♕g5 36.h4+ ♕xh4 37.♞h6#) 34.h4++-

30...♕e6 31.♙f8 ♠d7 32.♠e8+ ♕f7 33.♠e7+

33.♙h6 ♞d6 34.♞xd6 ♠xd6 35.♠xa8+-

33...♕g8 34.♠xd7 ♞xd7 35.♙h6 ♞c8 36.♞xa7 ♙b7 37.♞xb6 ♕f7 38.♞d6 ♙c6 39.g4 ♞d7 40.c5

40.♞f8+ ♕e6 41.♙g7 ♞f7 42.♞c8+ ♙d7 43.♞a6+ ♕e7 44.♙h6+-

40...♞xd6 41.cxd6 ♕e6 42.♙f8 ♙b5 43.e4 h5 44.gxh5 gxh5 45.♕e3 f5 46.exf5+ ♕xf5 47.c4 ♙c6 48.c5 ♕e6 49.f4 e4 50.♙g7 ♕f5 51.♙c3 ♕g4 52.♙e1 ♕f5 53.♙d2 ♕g4 54.♕d4 ♕f5 55.♕c4 1-0

184. E60

Kluegel, Jens-Uwe - Laffranchise, Lionel
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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 c5 4.d5 ♙g7 5.e4 d6 6.♙d3 O-O

6...e6 - 148/187

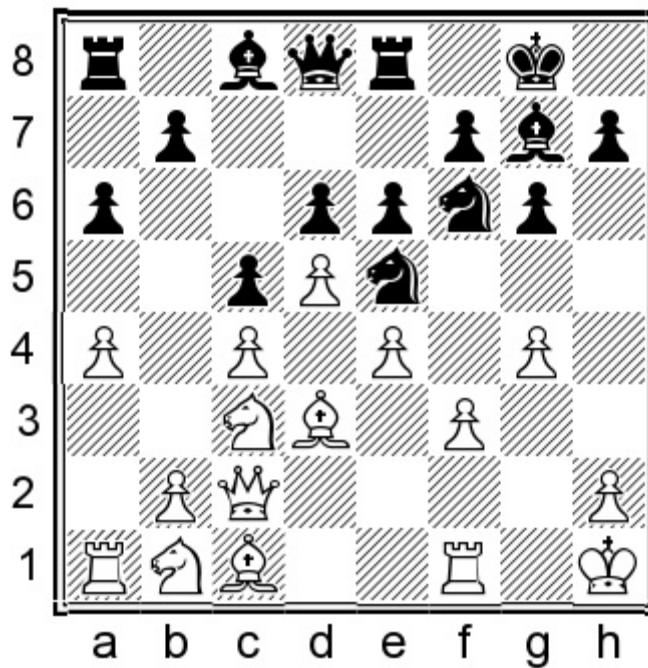
7.♘e2 e6 8.O-O ♘bd7N

8...exd5 9.cxd5 ♘bd7 10.♘bc3 a6 11.♙c2 b5 12.♙g5 ♠e8 13.♞c1 ♘e5=

9.♘ec3 a6 10.a4! ♠e8

10...♘h5! 11.g4 ♙d4+ 12.♕h1 ♘g7 13.♘e2 ♞h4 14.♘xd4 cxd4 15.♙f4 e5 16.♙g3∞

11.♕h1 ♘h5 12.g4 ♘hf6 13.♞c2 ♘e5



13...exd5 14.cxd5 ♖e5 15.♙e2±

14.♙e2! h6

14...exd5 15.cxd5 h6 16.♘d1 ♙d7 17.♘bc3 ♖b8 18.a5 b5 19.axb6 ♖xb6 20.♖xa6 ♖xa6 21.♙xa6±

15.g5 hxg5 16.♙xg5 exd5 17.♘xd5 ♘c6 18.♘bc3 ♘b4 19.♘xb4 cxb4 20.♘d5 ♙e6 21.♙d3

21.♘xb4?! ♖c8 22.b3 ♖c5 23.♙e3 ♖h5=

21...♙xd5 22.cxd5

22.exd5?! ♗e7 (22...♗c8 23.♖g1 ♘h5 24.♖g4 ♖e5 25.♙d2 b5 26.♙xb4 bxc4 27.♗xc4 ♗xc4 28.♙xc4±) 23.♗g2∞

22...♗b6 23.♖ad1 b3 24.♗g2! ♗b4 25.♖g1 ♘f8 26.♖ge1 ♖ac8 27.f4! ♖c2 28.♙xc2 bxc2 29.♗xc2 [Δ e5] 29...♘xe4 30.♙h4 ♗xb2 31.♖c1

31.♗xb2 ♙xb2 32.♖b1 ♙c3 33.♖ec1 ♙d2 34.♖c7 ♘c5 35.♖xc5 dxc5 36.d6 c4 37.♖xb7 ♖a8 38.♙e7+=

31...♗d4 32.♗c4! f5 33.♗xd4 ♙xd4 34.♖c7! b5 35.a5! b4 36.♖b7! ♙c5 37.♘g2 ♙d4 38.♖d1

38.♖xb4?! ♙c3=

38...♙c3 39.♖b6 b3 40.♖xb3 ♙xa5 41.♖b7 ♙d2 42.♘f3 ♙c3 43.♖g1 ♘d2+ 44.♘g2

44.♘g3 ♙d4 45.♖d1 ♖e3+ 46.♘g2 ♖e2+ 47.♘h1 (47.♘h3 a5 48.♖d7 ♙c5 49.♖a1±) 47...a5 48.♖b8+ ♘g7 49.♖b7+ ♘f8 50.♖e7 ♖xe7 51.♙xe7+ ♘xe7 52.♖xd2±

44...a5 45.♘h3! ♖e3+ 46.♖g3 ♖xg3+ 47.♘xg3 ♙b4 48.♙g5

48.♖b5 ♘e8 49.♘g2 ♘e4 50.♘f3 ♘d7 51.♙f2 ♘xf2 52.♘xf2±

48...♖e4+

48...♙c5!? 49.♙d8 ♖e4+ 50.♗f3 ♙b4 51.♞a7 ♙c5 52.♞xa5±

49.♗f3 ♗e8

49...♙c5 50.♙h6+ ♗g8 51.♞g7+ ♗h8 52.♞c7 ♙d4 53.♞c6 ♙c5 54.♞a6+-

50.♞g7 a4 51.♞xg6 ♗f7 52.♞e6±

52.♞h6± Δa3 53.♞h7+ ♗g6 54.♞a7 ♖d2+ 55.♗e2 ♖b3 56.♗d1 ♖a5 57.♗c1 ♖c4 58.♞a4 ♖b2 59.♞a6 ♖c4 60.♗b1 ♙c5 61.♙d8+-

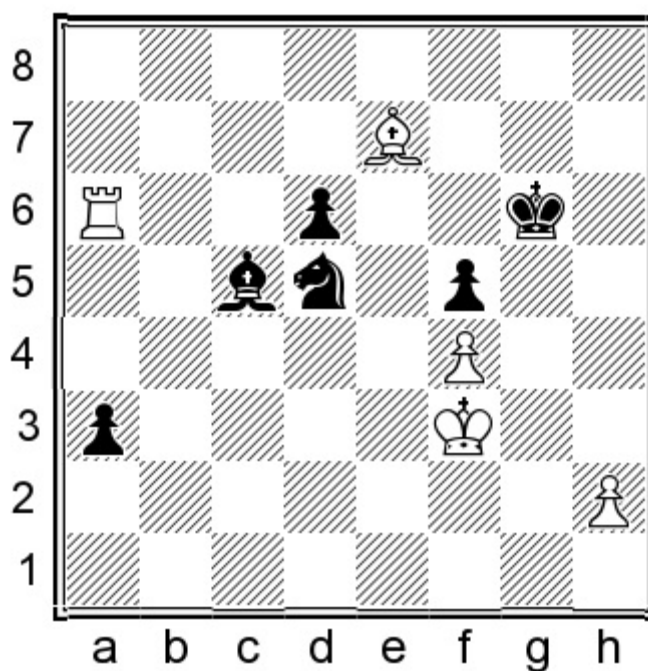
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53.♞e7+ ♗g6 54.♞a7 ♖c3

54...♖d2+ 55.♗e2 ♖e4+-

55.♙e7 ♙c5 56.♞a6 ♖xd5



57.♙h4!

57.♙xd6? ♖b4=

57...♖c7 58.♞a4! ♖d5 59.♙f2 ♙b4 60.♙d4 ♗h5 61.♞a8+- ♗g6

61...♙d2 62.♞xa3 ♖xf4 63.♞a2 ♙c1 64.♙b2 ♙xb2 65.♞xb2+-

62.h4 ♖f6

62...♙d2 63.♞g8+ ♘f7 64.♞g5 ♘e7 65.♞xf5 ♘e6 66.♞f8+-

63.♞f8 1-0

185. E62

Sarana, Alexey (2640) - Iljiushenok, Ilia (2530)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♙g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♙g2 d6 6.O-O c6 7.♘c3 ♙f5 8.♘g5 e5 9.d5 ♞e7

9...♞c7 - 142/189

10.dxc6N

10.♞e1 ♞c8 11.e4 ♙d7 12.♘h3 cxd5 13.cxd5 a5 14.f3 ♘a6 15.♙fl ♘c5∞

10...bxc6 11.e4

11.♘ge4 ♘xe4 12.♘xe4 ♞d8 13.♙g5 f6 14.♙e3 ♙xe4 15.♙xe4 f5 16.♙xc6 (16.♙g2 e4∞) 16...♘xc6
17.♞d5+ ♞f7 18.♞xc6 f4 19.♙d2 ♞ac8 20.♞a6 ♞xc4 21.♞xc4+ ♞xc4=

11...♙g4 12.♞d2

12.♞d3 h6 13.h3 ♙c8 14.♘f3 ♞d8 15.♞d1 ♘a6 16.♙e3 ♙b7 17.♘e1 ♘c7 18.♞ac1 a5∞

12...h6 13.h3 ♙c8 14.♘f3 c5 15.b3

15.♞d1 ♞d8 16.♘xe5 ♞xe5 17.f4 ♞d4+! 18.♞xd4 cxd4 19.e5 dxc3 20.exf6 ♙xf6 21.♙xa8 ♙xh3
22.bxc3 ♙xc3 23.♞b1 ♙f5 24.♞b7 ♙c2 25.♞d5 ♘c6 26.♞c7 ♞xa8 (26...♘b4 27.♙b7 ♞e8 28.♙a3 ♘d5
29.♙xd5 ♙d4+ 30.♘h2 ♞e2+ 31.♘h1 ♞e1+=) 27.♞xc6 ♙b4=

15...♘c6 16.♙b2 ♞b8 17.♘h2 ♘d4 18.♘e1 ♙e6 19.♘d3 h5

19...♘h5!? 20.♞ae1 ♞g5∞

20.♞ae1

20.f4 h4 21.g4 exf4 22.♘xf4 ♞be8 23.♞ae1 ♙c8∞

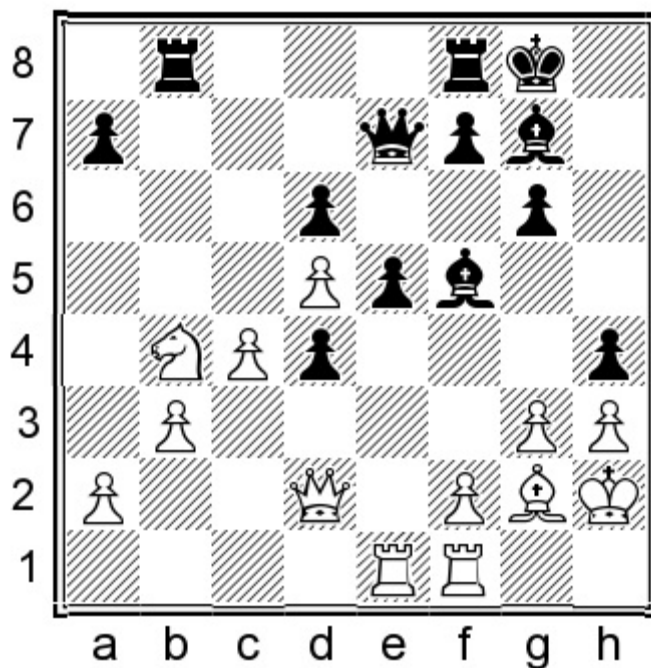
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21.g4 ♘d7 22.f4 exf4 23.♘xf4 ♘e5 24.♘fd5 ♞d8 25.♘h1 a5∞

21...♘xd5 22.exd5 ♙f5 23.♙xd4?!

23.g4 ♙xd3 24.♞xd3 ♞d8 25.♞d2 ♙f6=

23...cxd4 24.♘b4



24.g4 ♟xd3 25.♞xd3 ♞g5 26.♔h1 a5±

24...♟d7?!

24...♞xb4! 25.♞xb4 hxg3+ 26.fxg3 e4 27.g4 ♟xg4 28.♞xe4 (28.hxg4 ♞h4+ 29.♔g1 ♟e5 30.♞f2 ♟g3 31.♞e2 d3-+) 28...♟e5+ 29.♔g1 ♟f5 30.♞e1 ♞g5±

25.♘c6 ♟xc6 26.dxc6 ♞be8?!

26...hxg3+ 27.fxg3 ♞be8 28.♟d5 ♔h7 29.g4 (29.h4 f5∞) 29...♟h6 30.♞d3 ♔g7∞

27.♟d5

27.g4! ♔h7 28.♔h1 ♟h6 (28...♞d8 29.f4±) 29.f4±

27...♔h7?!

27...hxg3+ 28.fxg3 ♔h7 29.g4 ♟h6 30.♞d3 ♔g7 31.b4 ♟e3 32.♞xe3 dxe3 33.♞xe3 e4∞

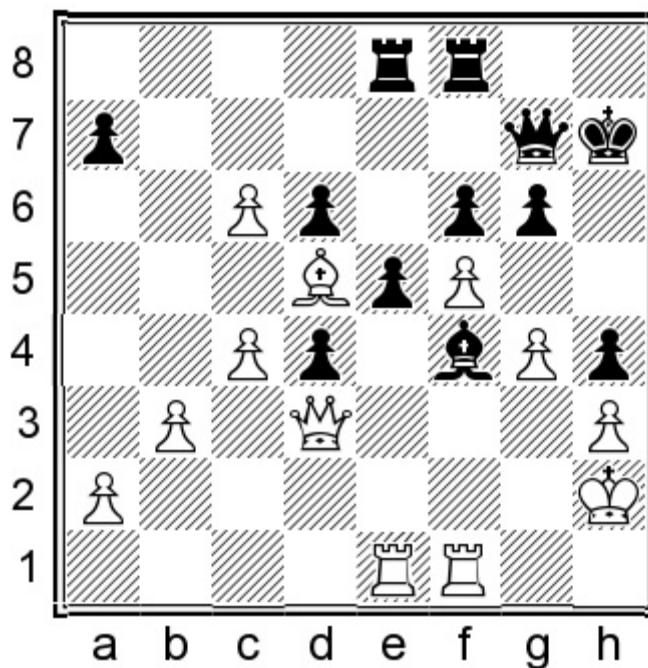
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30...♞d8 31.g5! fxg5 32.f5 ♔g7 33.fxg6 ♞f4 34.♞xf4 gxf4 35.♞g1 ♞f6 36.♞f3 ♞e7 37.♟e4±

31.f5

31.g5! fxg5 32.f5 ♔h8 33.fxg6 ♞xf1 34.♞xf1 ♞f8 35.♟f7+-

31...♟f4+



32.♖xf4! exf4 33.fxg6+ ♔h6

33...♗xg6 34.♕e4 ♖xe4 35.♖xe4 ♖c8 36.♗xd4 ♖xc6 37.♗xa7+ ♔h6 38.♖xf4+-

34.♖xe8 ♖xe8 35.♕f7+- f5

35...♗f8 36.♗f5 ♖e2+ 37.♔h1 ♖e1+ 38.♔g2 ♖e5 39.♗xf6+-

36.♗xf5 ♖e2+ 37.♔g1 ♗e5 38.g5+! ♔g7 39.♗f6+! ♗xf6 40.gxf6+ ♔xf6 41.c7 d3 42.c8=♗ d2
43.♗h8+ ♔g5 44.♗d4 1-0

186. * E63

Gledura, Benjamin (2633) - Theodorou, Nikolas (2566)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♕g7 4.♕g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O e5 8.d5 ♘b8 9.c5 ♘a6 10.cxd6
cxd6 11.a4

11.♘d2 - 133/185

11...♕d7 12.♗b3

12.♘d2

12...e4N

12...♘c5 - 149/(186) 13.♗a3 ♗e7 14.♘d2 ♖fc8 15.b4 ♘a6 16.♗b3 ♘e8 (16...e4 17.♘c4 ♘c7 18.♕b2
h5∞) 17.♘c4 f5 18.♕e3 (18.e4 f4 19.♕d2 g5 20.♖fc1±) 18...♘f6 (18...e4 19.♖ac1 ♘ac7 20.f3±)
19.♘b5 ♕xb5 20.axb5 ♘c7 21.b6 axb6 22.♘xb6 ♖xa1 23.♖xa1 ♖b8 24.♗c4± Gledura, B (2633)-
Kavutskiy,K (2391) Las Vegas 149/(186) 2021

13.♘g5 ♘c5 14.♗a3 ♕f5 15.h3 h6 16.b4 ♘xa4

16...♖cd7 17.♗gxe4 ♗xe4 18.♗xe4 ♙xe4 19.♙xe4 ♔e7 20.♙d3 ♙xa1 21.♔xa1 ♔e5 22.♙xh6 ♔xa1
23.♖xa1 ♖fc8=

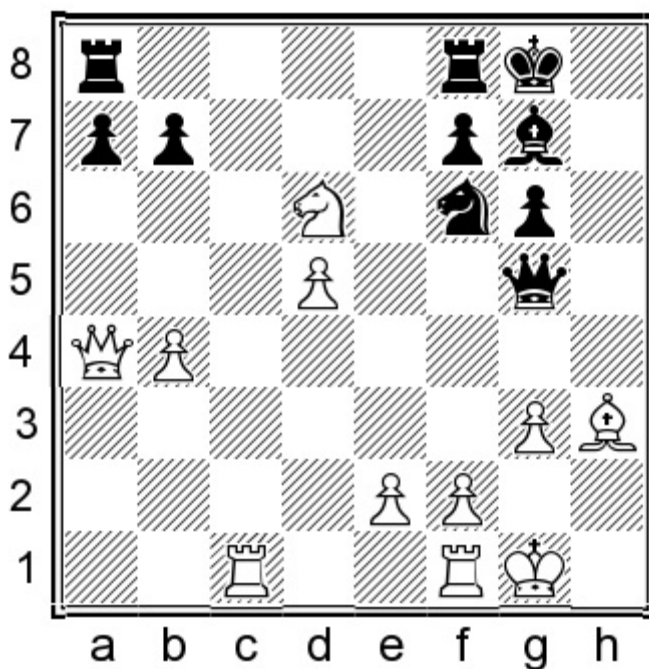
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20.♙xf6! ♙xg2 21.♔xg2 ♙xf6 22.♗xe4 ♔f5 23.f3 ♖ae8 24.♔a2±

20...♔f5 21.♗xd6?

21.♗xf6+ ♙xf6 22.♙xf6 ♙xg2 23.♔xg2 ♔xf6 24.b5 ♔e5 25.e4 f5 26.♖fe1 f4 27.♔a1 f3+ 28.♔g1
♔xa1 29.♖xa1 ♔g7 30.e5 dxe5 31.♖xe5 a5 32.bxa6 ♖xa6=

21...♔xg5 22.♙xh3



22...♔xd5?

22...♔h5! 23.♙g2 (23.♔h2 g5 24.g4 ♗xg4+ 25.♔g2 ♗h2! 26.♔xh2 ♙e5+ 27.♔g2 g4-+) 23...♗g4
24.♖fd1 ♙e5 25.♗e4 f5 26.♗d2 ♙xg3! 27.fxg3 ♔h2+ 28.♔f1 ♔xg3-+

23.♖fd1 ♔h5 24.♙g2 ♔xe2 25.♗xb7

25.♔b3 ♗g4 26.♔f3 ♔xf3 27.♙xf3 ♗e5 28.♙xb7 ♖ab8=

25...♗e4

25...♖fc8 26.♔b3 ♖xc1 27.♖xc1 ♗g4 28.♔f3 ♔xf3 29.♙xf3 ♖b8=

26.♔c2 ♗c3 27.♖d3 ♔xc2 28.♖xc2 ♖ac8 29.♖d7 ♖c4 30.b5 ♖b4

30...♖d4=

31.♗d6 ♖d4

31...♖xb5 32.♗xf7 ♜d4 33.♞b7 (33.♙d5 ♖c3 34.♗h6+ ♔h7 35.♞xc3 ♔xh6=) 33...♞xf7 34.♞xb5 ♔h7=

32.♙c6 ♙e5 33.♔g2 1/2-1/2

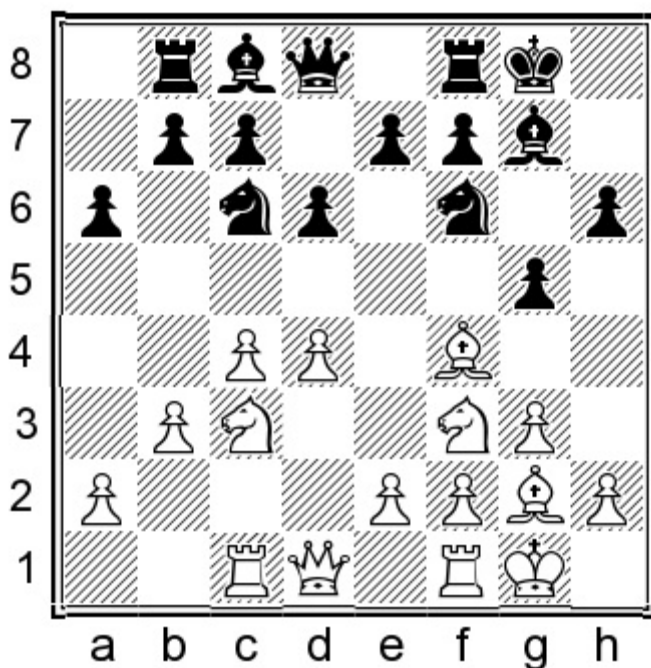
187. * E63

Tomashevsky, Evgeny (2706) - Iniyan, P. (2506)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/187, 2021

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.c4 ♙g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♙g2 d6 6.O-O ♖c6 7.♗c3 a6 8.♙f4 ♞b8 9.♞c1 h6 10.b3
10.h3 - 128/190

10...g5



11.d5! gxf4 12.dxc6 fxc3 13.hxc3 b5

13...bxc6 14.♗d4 ♞e8N (14...♙d7 15.♗xc6 ♙xc6 16.♙xc6±) 15.♙xc6 ♙d7 16.♙xd7 ♞xd7 17.♔g2 e6
18.e4 c6 19.♞f3 (19.♞h1 c5 20.♗f3±) 19...♗h7 20.♞fd1 ♗g5 21.♞h5 f5 22.exf5 exf5 Obgolts,E
(2425) -Belyakov,B (2465) Russia 149/(187) 2021 (22...exf5 23.♗ce2! c5 24.♗f3 ♞c6 (24...♞e8
25.♞xe8 ♞fxe8 26.♗f4±) 25.♗f4±)

14.♞d3 b4 15.♗d5 e6 16.♗xf6+ ♞xf6 17.♞fd1 ♞b2N

♞17...♞a8 18.c5!? (18.e3 ♞e8 19.♞e2 a5 20.♗d4±) 18...d5 19.e4 dxe4 20.♞xe4 a5 21.♞d2±

18.♞c2

18.c5!? d5 (18...dxc5 19.♞c2 ♞a3 (19...♞f6 20.♞xc5+-) 20.♗d2 ♞a5 21.♗c4 ♞b5 22.♞cd2+-)
19.♞c2 ♞f6 20.e4 dxe4 21.♞xe4±

18...♞a3?!

18...♖f6 19.c5 ♜b5 20.e4!? ♜xc5 21.♞xc5 dxc5 22.e5 ♜f5 23.♜e3 ♜c2 24.♞d2±

19.♜e3! ♜a5

19...♞a8 20.c5 d5 (20...dxc5 21.♞e5 ♜a5 22.♞g4 ♔h7 23.♞xc5 ♜xa2 24.♞h5+-) 21.♞d4! ♞xd4
22.♞xd4 ♔h7 23.♜f4 ♜a5 24.e4+-

20.c5 dxc5

20...d5 21.♞e5 ♜b5 22.♞d4 f5 (22...♞xc5 23.♞g4 ♞xc2 24.♜xh6+-) 23.♞h4 ♞f6 24.♞f3±

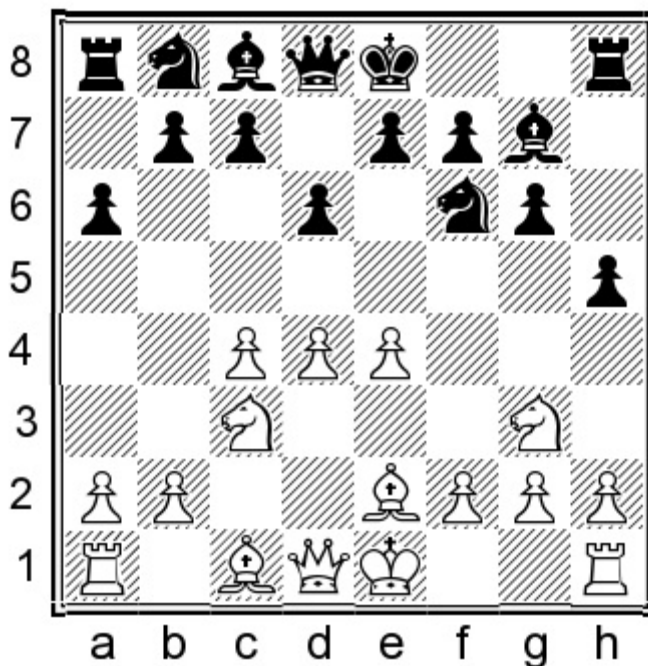
21.♞e5+- c4 22.♞xc4 ♜b5 23.♜a7 e5 24.♞d5 ♜xc6 25.♜xb8 ♞h3 26.♞e3! 1-0

188. !N E70

Novikov, Igor A (2554) - Fishbein, Alexander (2417)

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1.d4 ♞f6 2.c4 g6 3.♞c3 ♞g7 4.e4 d6 5.♞ge2 a6 6.♞g3 h5 7.♞e2



7...b5!N

7...c6 - 53/576

8.cxb5

8.e5 dxe5 9.dxe5 ♜xd1+ 10.♞xd1 ♞fd7 11.f4 (11.e6 ♞c5 12.exf7+ ♔xf7∞) 11...♞b7 12.cxb5 h4
13.♞ge4 axb5 14.♞f3 (14.♞xb5 ♞xe4 15.♞xc7+ ♔d8 16.♞xa8 ♞xg2 17.♞g1 ♞xa8∞) 14...b4 15.♞e2
h3 16.♔f2 hxg2 17.♔xg2 ♞c6∞

8...h4 9.♞f1 axb5 10.♞xb5+ c6 11.♞e2 h3 12.g3 ♜b6= 13.♞e3 ♞fd7

13...♞a6 14.♞xa6 ♜xa6 15.♜e2 O-O 16.♜xa6 ♞xa6 17.♔e2 ♞d7 18.♞d1 ♞fb8=

14.♟c2

14.d5 ♖a6 15.O-O O-O 16.♙xa6 ♜xa6 17.dxc6 ♞xc6 18.♞ed5 ♞fe8

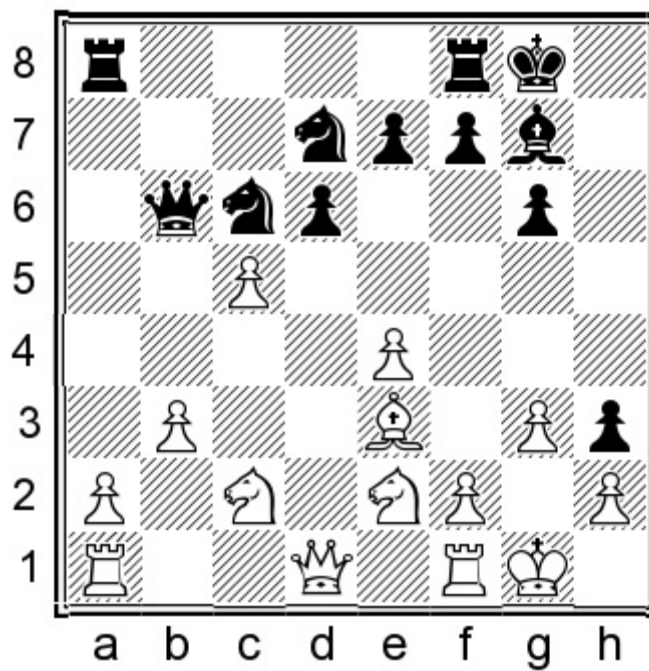
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16.♞xe2 ♙xd4 (16...♞a6 17.♞xa6 ♜xa6 18.♞d1 O-O 19.a3 c5 20.♞b1 ♞fb8) 17.♞xd4 ♞xd4 18.♙e3 ♞b4 19.f4 ♞a6

16...c5 17.♙e3

17.d5 ♞e5 18.♞c3 ♞bd7 19.a4 ♞c4 20.♞a3 ♞b4

17...♞c6 18.b3 O-O 19.dxc5



19...♞b7!

19...♞xc5 20.b4 ♙xa1 21.bxc5 ♞b5 22.♞xa1 dxc5

20.cxd6

20.♞b1 dxc5 21.a4 ♞fd8 22.♞f4 ♞f6

20...exd6

20...♙xa1 21.♞xa1 ♞de5 22.dxe7 ♞xe7 23.f3 f5

21.♞c1

21.♞cd4 ♞fe8 22.♞c3 ♞xe4!? (22...♞f6 23.♞xc6 (23.f3 d5) 23...♞xc6 24.♞c1 ♞xe4 25.♞d5 ♞xd5 26.♞xd5 ♞xa2=) 23.♞xe4 ♞xd4 24.f3 ♞f5 25.♙f4 ♙d4+ 26.♞h1 ♙xa1 27.♞xa1 ♞a6

21...♞xa2 22.♞f4 ♞ce5

22...♖f6 23.f3 (23.♗d4 ♗e5 24.♗xh3 ♗xe4) 23...♞xb3 24.♙f2 ♙h6

23.♞d5 ♞b8?!

23...♗f3+ 24.♖h1 ♞xd5 25.♗xd5 (25.exd5 ♞b8 26.♗xh3 ♞xb3 27.♗g1 ♗de5 28.♗xf3 ♗xf3) 25...♗f6 26.♗cb4 ♞a3

24.b4 ♞b2 25.♗xh3 ♗f6 26.♞d1 ♗xe4 27.♙d4 ♞a2 28.f3

28.f4 ♞c8 (28...♗d7 29.f5 g5 30.♗f2 ♗ef6) 29.♗f2 ♗xf2 30.♞xf2 ♗g4 31.♞d2 ♞d7

28...♗f6

28...♞c8 29.♙xe5 dxe5 30.fxe4 ♙h6 31.♗f4 exf4 32.gxf4 ♞e8

29.♞f2 ♞b7 30.♗e1 ♞xf2 31.♗xf2 ♞xb4= 32.♙c3 ♞a3 33.♖g2

33.♙d4 ♞a2 34.♞c2 ♞e6=

33...♗d5 34.♙d2

34.♙d4? ♗xf3 35.♗xf3 ♙xd4 36.♗g4 ♗e3+ 37.♗xe3 ♙xe3

34...♞b8 35.♞e2 ♗f6 36.♞c2 ♞a4 37.♗e4 ♗xe4 38.♞xe4 ♞b5 39.♙f4 ♞e8 40.♞e2 d5 41.♞c2 ♗c4 42.♞xe8+ ♞xe8 43.♖f1 ♞c8 44.♞e2 ♞h3+ 45.♞g2 ♞f5 46.♞e2 ♞h3+ 47.♞g2 ♞f5 1/2-1/2

189. E71

Cvitan, Ena (2255) - Akshat, Khamparia (2406)

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1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♙e3 ♗c6!? 7.d5

7.♙d3 e5 8.d5 ♗d4 9.♗ge2 ♗h5! 10.♞d2 c5 11.dxc6 bxc6

7...♗e5 8.f4 ♗ed7 9.g4! c6 10.♙g2?!

10.♗f3 cxd5 11.cxd5 b6 12.♗d4± - 143/193

10...cxd5

10...♗b6!? 11.♞d3 e6 12.c5 exd5 13.cxb6 dxe4

11.cxd5 b5!

11...b6? 12.♗ge2 ♙a6 13.O-O±

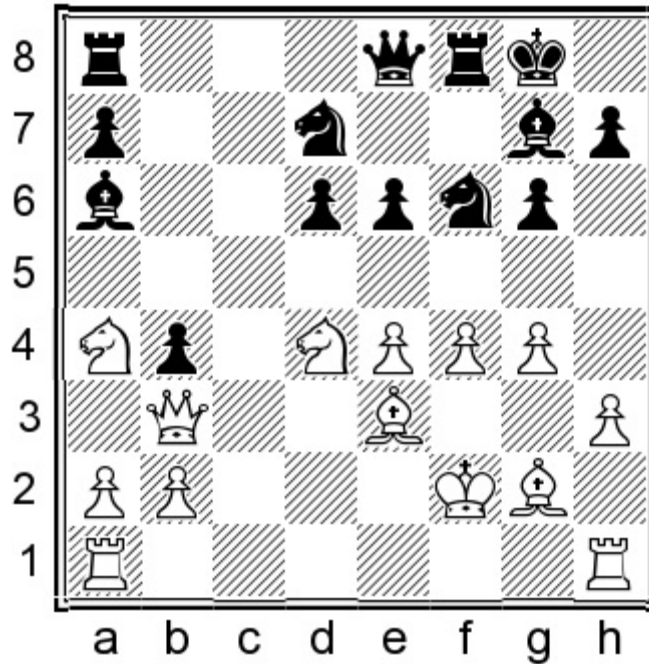
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12...b4 13.♗a4 ♙a6 14.♗d4 ♞e8! 15.♖f2?

15.♞c1 ♗b6 16.♗xb6 axb6 17.♗c6 e6

15...e5! 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.♖b3



17...d5

17...♗xe4+ 18.♕xe4 ♕xd4 19.♕xa8 ♕xe3+ 20.♖xe3 ♖xa8 21.♖xe6+ ♖f7 22.♖he1 ♖c6=; 17...♗e5!!
 18.♖hc1 ♖fxg4+ (18...♗d3+ 19.♔g1 ♗xc1 20.♖xc1 ♕b5 21.♗xb5 ♖xb5 22.e5 ♗d5 23.exd6 ♖ad8
 24.♕xd5 exd5 25.♖c5 ♖e2 26.♖xd5 ♗h8 27.d7⇒) 19.hxg4 ♗d3+ (19...♗xg4+ 20.♔g1 ♗xe3 21.♖xe3
 ♖xa4=) 20.♔g1 ♗xf4⇐

18.exd5 exd5?!

18...♗xg4+!? 19.hxg4 ♕xd4 20.♕xd4 ♖xf4+ 21.♔g1 ♖xd4 22.dxe6 ♕c4 23.exd7 ♖xd7 24.♖xb4
 ♖xg4 25.♖h2 ♖xg2+ 26.♖xg2 ♖d4+ 27.♔h2 ♖h4+ 28.♔g1 ♖d4+=; 18...e5! 19.♗e6 exf4 20.♕c5
 (20.♕xf4 ♗e4+ 21.♕xe4 ♖xf4+ 22.♕f3 ♖f7⇐) 20...f3⇐

19.♖he1 ♗e4+

♔19...♕c4

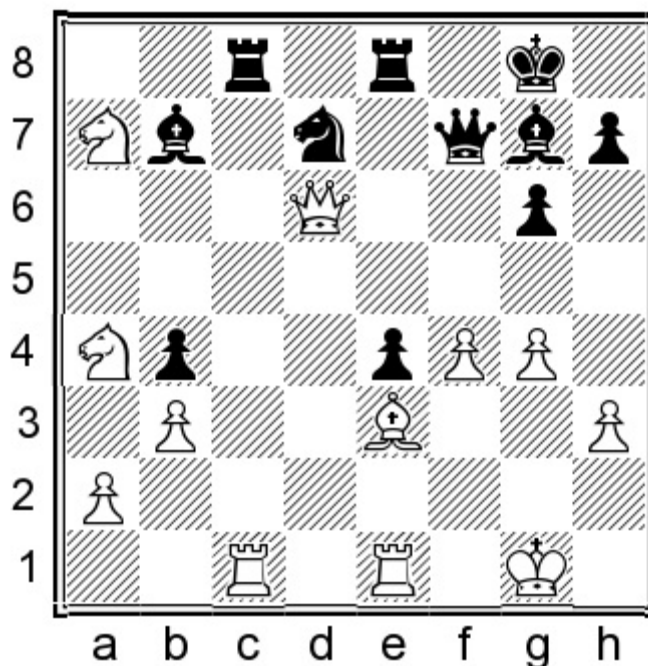
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21.♖xb4! a5 22.♖a3 ♖f7 23.b3 ♕a6±

21...♖f7 22.♖c1 ♖ac8 23.b3 ♕a6 24.♗c6 ♕b7 25.♕xe4

25.♗xb4 ♖xc1 26.♕xc1 ♖c8=

25...dxe4 26.♖d6 ♖fe8 27.♗xa7??



27.♘a5 ♕f8 28.♞d4 ♕d5=

27...♞cd8??

27...♞xc1 28.♞xc1 ♕e5!!-+

28.♞c7 ♕f8 29.♞d2

29.♞d4!±

29...♕a6

29...♘e5! 30.♞xd8 (30.♞xf7? ♘f3+ 31.♔h1 ♞xd2 32.♞xf8+ (32.♞xb7 ♞h2#) 32...♞xf8 33.♕xd2 ♘xd2-+) 30...♞xd8 31.♞xf7 ♘xf7 32.♘b5 g5 33.fxg5 ♘e5↗

30.♘c6+- ♘e5 31.♞xd8 ♘f3+ 32.♔f2 ♞xd8 33.♞xf7 ♞c8 34.♞xf8+ ♔xf8 35.♕c5+ 1-0

190. * E73

Predke, Alexandr (2690) - Nasuta, Grzegorz (2512)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♕g7 4.e4 d6 5.♕e2 O-O 6.♕e3 ♘c6 7.d5 ♘e5 8.♞c1N

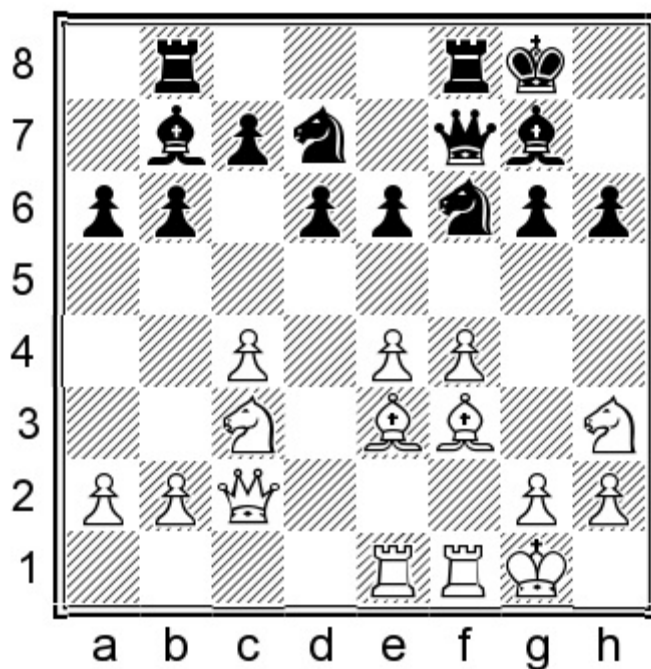
8.♘f3 - 148/195

8...e6 9.f4 ♘ed7 10.dxe6 - 149/190

10.♘h3N exd5 11.cxd5 ♞e8 12.♘f2 Gunina,V (2436)-Lagno,K (2558) chess.com (Int. -m1/ 8-bltz) 149/(190) 2021 (12.♘f2 ♘xe4! 13.♘cxe4 (13.♘fxe4 ♕xc3+ 14.♞xc3 ♞xe4 15.♕f3 ♞h4+ 16.g3 ♞e7 17.♕xe4 (17.♔f2 ♘f6 18.♞e1 ♕h3 19.♞c2 ♞c8 20.♔g1 ♕f5) 17...♞xe4 18.O-O ♘f6 19.♞d3 ♞xd5) 13...f5 14.♕d4 fxe4 15.♕xg7 ♔xg7 16.♘g4 ♘f6 17.♘xf6 ♞xf6 18.♞xc7+ ♔g8 19.♞c2 ♕f5 20.♞c3

♙xc3+ 21.♖xc3 e3∞)

10...fxe6 11.♗h3 b6 12.O-O ♕b7 13.♖c2 ♖e7 14.♖ce1 a6 15.♙f3± ♖ab8 16.♗g5! h6 17.♗h3 ♖f7?!



17...♖e8 18.♙d2 ♗h7 19.b3±

18.e5! ♗e8

18...dxe5 19.fxe5 ♗xe5 20.♙xb7 ♖xb7 21.♙xh6 ♙xh6 22.♖xe5±; 18...♗h7 19.♙xb7 ♖xb7 20.♗f2 dxe5 21.fxe5±

19.♙g4!

19.♙xb7 ♖xb7 20.♖d1 ♖b8 21.♗e4 ♖e7 22.♖d3 ♖f7 23.exd6 cxd6 24.b3±

19...dxe5?!

19...♗h7 20.♗e4 ♙xe4 21.♖xe4 ♖e7 22.♙d4±

20.fxe5 ♖e7 21.♗f4

21.♖xg6 ♗xe5 22.♙xe6+ ♗h8 23.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 24.♖c2+-

21...♗xe5 22.♗xg6

22.♙xe6+ ♗h8 23.♗cd5 ♙xd5 24.cxd5 ♗d6 (24...g5 25.♗h5+-) 25.♙d4+-

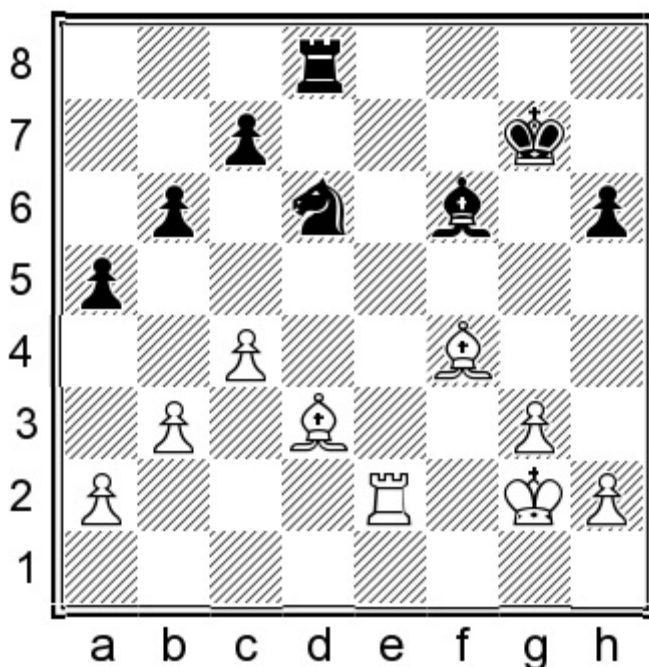
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27.♖e2 ♖e8 28.♙f4±

27...♗e8 28.♗e4 ♙xe4?!

28...♙xb2 29.♙xh6 b5 30.cxb5 axb5 31.♖e2 ♜d4+ 32.♙e3 ♙xe3+ 33.♖xe3±

29.♙xe4 ♜d6 30.♙d3 ♖e8 31.b3 ♙c3 32.♖e2 ♜g7 33.♜f1 a5 34.♙f4 ♖f8 35.g3 ♙f6 36.♜g2 ♖d8



37.♖e3

37.h4 ♖d7 38.♖e6 ♜f7 39.♖e3+-

37...♖d7 38.h4 ♖f7 39.♖e6 ♜b7 40.♖c6 ♜c5 41.♙c2 ♜a6 42.♙e4 ♖e7 43.♙xh6+ ♜xh6 44.♖xf6+ ♜g7 45.♖f4

45.♖g6+ ♜f7 46.♖g4 ♜c5 47.♙d5+ ♜f6 48.h5+-

45...♜c5 46.♜f3 ♜e6 47.♖g4+ ♜f6 48.♙d5 ♜c5 49.♖f4+ ♜g7 50.g4 c6 51.♙xc6

51.♙e4 ♜e6 52.g5 ♜xf4 53.♜xf4 ♖e6 54.h5+-

51...♜d3 52.♖e4 ♜e5+ 53.♜f4 ♜xc6 54.♖xe7+ ♜xe7 55.♜e5 ♜c6+ 56.♜d6 ♜b4 57.a4 ♜a6 58.♜c6 ♜c5 59.♜xb6 ♜xb3 60.c5 ♜f7 61.c6 ♜e7 62.c7 ♜d7 63.h5 ♜c8 64.h6 ♜d2 65.h7 ♜c4+ 66.♜c5 1-0

191. E73

Kantor, Gergely (2527) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2625)

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1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 g6 3.♜c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♙e2 O-O 6.h4 c5 7.d5 e6 8.h5

8.♙g5 - 148/194

8...exd5 9.exd5 ♖e8 10.h6 ♙h8 11.♙g5 ♜b6 12.b3 ♙f5N

12...♜e4

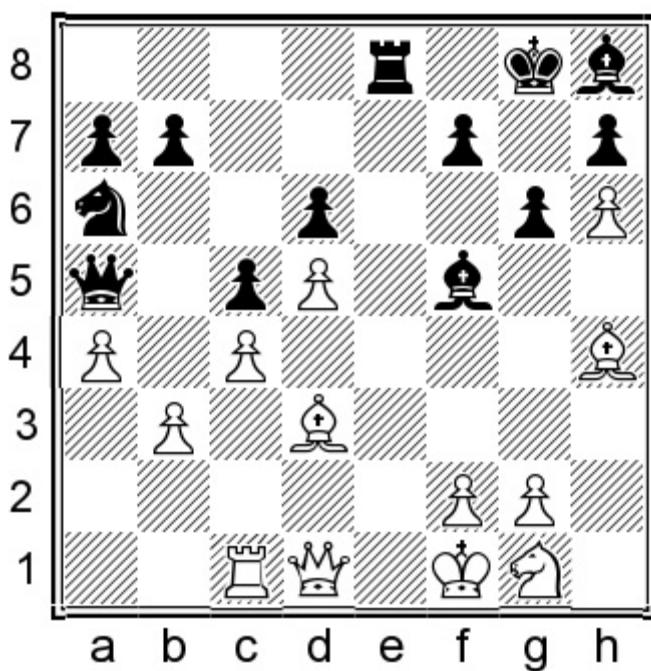
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18.a4

18.♙g4! ♙xg4 19.♜xg4 ♜d2 (19...♜xa2 20.♜d7 ♜d2 (20...♜xb3 21.♙d8+-) 21.♖e1 ♜xh6 22.♜xb7 ♖b8 23.♜xa6 ♜xh4 24.♜xd6+-) 20.♙g5 (20.♖d1 ♜xa2 21.♜f3 ♜c2 22.♙g3 ♖d8 23.♜h3☞) 20...♜d3+ (20...♜xa2?! 21.♜d7 ♜b4 22.♖e1! ♖f8 23.g3 ♙d4 24.♖e2 ♜b1+ 25.♔g2 ♜f5 26.♜xf5 gxf5 27.♙f4±) 21.♜e2 ♜xe2+ 22.♜xe2 ♖e8 23.♜c3 ♜c7 24.g4±

18...♖e8 19.♙d3



19...♙d7! 20.♜f3 ♙g4 21.♙g5 ♜b4

21...♜b4 22.♜c2 ♙xf3 23.gxf3 ♜a3∞

22.♜d2 ♙xf3 23.♖e1

23.gxf3 ♜c7 24.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 25.♜xe1 ♙e5 - 23.Re1

23...♖xe1+ 24.♜xe1 ♙e5 25.gxf3 ♜c7= 26.♙b1 ♜d7 27.f4 ♜h3+ 28.♔g1 ♜g4+ 29.♔f1 ♜h3+ 30.♔g1 1/2-1/2

192. E73

Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2751) - Svidler, Peter (2714)

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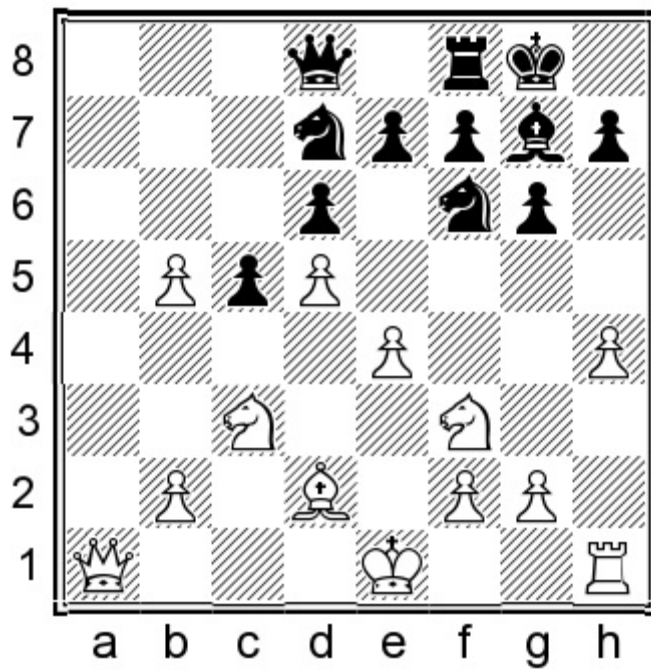
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9.b6 - 100/443

9...axb5 10.♙xb5 ♖a6 11.♙d2 ♙xb5

11...♔c8!? 12.♜h3!? (12.f3 e6 (12...♜bd7 13.♜ge2 ♜e5 14.O-O ♜h5) 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.♜ge2 d5 15.e5 ♜fd7 16.f4±) 12...♙xb5 13.axb5 ♖xa1 14.♔xa1 ♜bd7↗

12.axb5 ♜bd7 13.♜f3 ♖xa1 14.♔xa1



14...♔b6N

14...♔c7 15.O-O ♖b8 16.♔a4 ♔b7 17.♖a1 ♜e8=

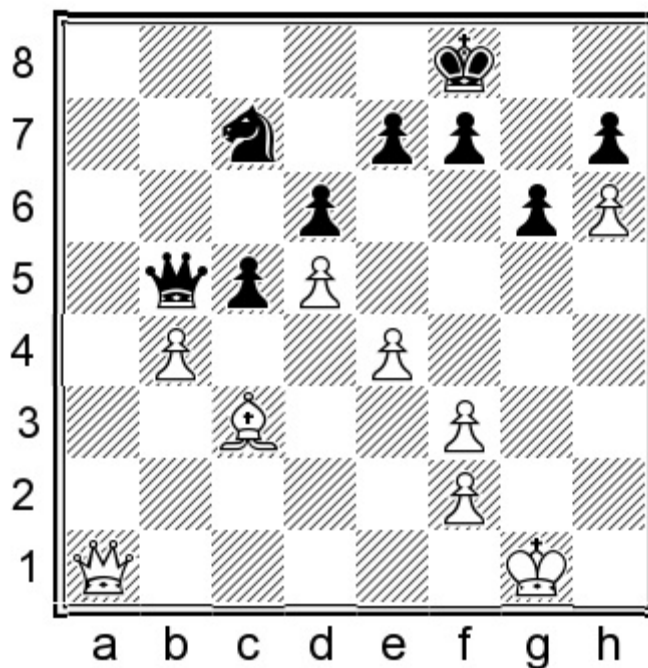
15.O-O ♖b8 16.♔a6 ♜e8 17.♖a1 ♜f8 18.h5 ♜c7 19.♔a4 ♖a8

19...♜xb5 20.h6 ♙f6 21.♜xb5 ♔xb5 22.♔xb5 ♖xb5 23.♖a8+ ♖b8=

20.♔d1 ♖xa1?!

RR20...♖b8 21.h6 ♙f6 22.♙g5 ♜xb5 23.♙xf6 exf6!? 24.♜d2 ♜xc3 25.bxc3 ♔b2 26.♜c4 ♔xc3 27.♖c1 ♔b4 28.♜xd6 ♜e5 29.f4 ♔a3! 30.fxe5 ♔e3+ 31.♜f1 ♖b2 32.♖c2 (32.♔e1? ♔g5+) 32...♔b3 33.♖c1 ♔e3=

21.♔xa1 ♜e5 22.h6 ♜xf3+ 23.gxf3 ♙xc3 24.♙xc3 ♔xb5 25.b4



25...Ke8??

25...Ke8 26.bxc5 Qxc5 27.Qd4 Qc4=

26.bxc5 dxc5

26...Qxc5 27.Qb4+-

27.Qg7+ Kg8 28.Qa8+- c4 29.Qd8 Qa4 30.Qg2 Qb5 31.Qb2 1-0

193. E73

Visakh, NR. (2516) - Sethuraman, SP. (2644)

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Qg7 4.e4 d6 5.Qe2 O-O 6.Qe3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.f4 Neg4 9.Qd2 Nh6 10.Nf3 c6 11.O-O

11.a4 - 146/194

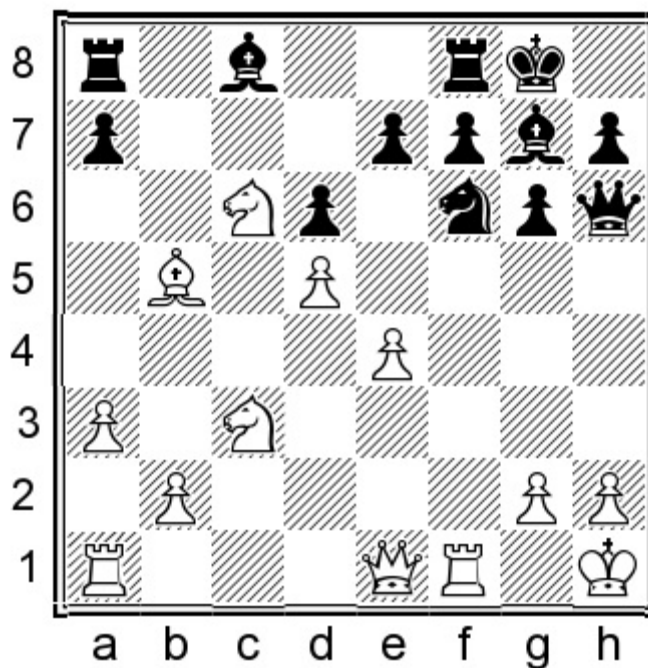
11...cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.a3 Qb6+ 14.Qh1 Nhg4 15.Qe1N

15.Qc1 Nh5 16.Qd3 f5 17.Qe1 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 fxe4 19.Qxe4 Qf5 20.Qe1 Qxd3 21.Qe6+ Kh8 22.Qxg4 b4 23.axb4 Qxb4 24.Ng5 Qxf1 25.Rxf1 a5∞

15...Ne3 16.Qxe3 Qxe3 17.Qxb5?!

17.e5 Nd7 18.Qh4 dxe5 19.Qxb5 exf4 20.Rfe1 Qc5 21.Qxe7 Qxe7 22.Rxe7 Rd8∞

17...Qxf4 18.Nd4 Qh6 19.Nc6



19...♖g4! 20.h3

20.♖xe7+ ♔h8 21.h3 ♖e3 22.♖f2 ♕xh3 23.gxh3 ♖xh3+ 24.♖h2 ♖f3+ 25.♔g1 ♕d4-+; 20.♖g3 ♔h8
21.♕e2 ♖e5 22.♖xe7 ♕d7 23.♕b5 ♖fe8 24.♕xd7 ♖xe7 25.♕b5 a6 26.♕e2 ♖d7±

20...♕f6

20...♖e3!? 21.♖f2 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.♖xe7+ ♔h8 24.♖xc8 ♖axc8±

21.♖xf6

21.♔g1 ♖e5 22.♖xf6 exf6 23.♖f2 f5 24.♖xe5 dxe5 25.♖d1 f4±

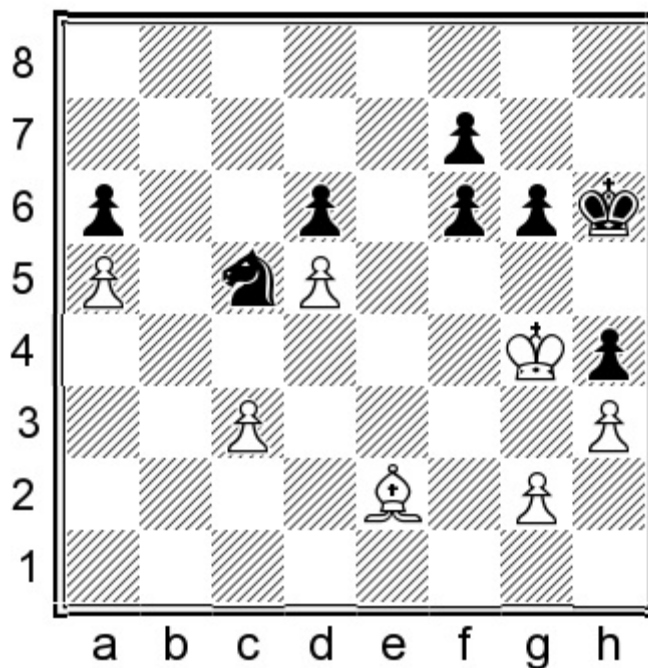
21...exf6 22.♖e7+

22.♔g1 ♖e5 - 21.Kg1

22...♔g7 23.♖xc8 ♖axc8 24.♕d7 ♖xc3! 25.bxc3

25.♖xc3 ♖f2+ 26.♔g1 ♖xe4 27.♖f3 f5-+

**25...♖e5-+ 26.♕b5 ♖c8 27.♖a2 ♖f4 28.♖e2 h5 29.♖e3 h4 30.♔g1 ♖b8 31.a4 ♖b6 32.♖f2 ♖xf2+
33.♔xf2 a6 34.♕f1 ♖d7! 35.♕c4 ♖c5 36.a5 ♖b1 37.♖e1 ♖b2+ 38.♖e2 ♖xe4+ 39.♔e3 ♖xe2+
40.♕xe2 ♖c5 41.♔f4 ♔h6 42.♔g4**



42...f5+! 43.♔f4

43.♔xh4 ♕e4 44.♙xa6 g5#

43...♔g7 44.♔g5 ♕e4+ 45.♔f4 g5+ 46.♔e3 ♕c5 47.♙d1 ♕b7 48.♙e2 ♕xa5 49.♙xa6 ♔f6 50.♔d4 ♕b3+ 51.♔c4 ♕c5 52.♙c8 ♔e5 53.♔b5 ♕e4

53...f4 54.c4 f5 55.♔c6 g4

54.c4 ♔f4

54...f4!?

55.♔c6 ♔e5 56.♔c7 f4 57.♙g4 f5 58.♙e2 ♕f6 59.♔d8 g4 60.♔e7 f3 61.gxf3 gxf3 62.♙f1 h2 63.♙g2 f4 64.♙h1 h3 65.♔f7 ♕h5 66.♔e7 ♕g3 0-1

194. * E73

Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)

Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/194, 2021

1.d4 ♕f6 2.c4 g6 3.h4 ♙g7

3...c5 - 141/20

4.♕c3 d6 5.e4 ♕c6 6.d5 ♕e5 7.♙e2 h5 - 149/194

7...c6N 8.♕h3 ♙xh3 9.♙xh3 h5 10.♔f1 ♙c8 11.♙b3 ♙c7 12.♙f4 O-O 13.g3 cxd5 14.cxd5 ♕c4 15.♙c1 a6 (15...♕xb2! 16.♙xb2 (16.♔g2 ♙b6) 16...♕xe4 17.♕xe4 ♙xb2 18.♙xc7 ♙xc7 19.♙d3 ♙fc8) 16.♔g2 b5 17.a4 ♙c5 18.axb5 axb5 19.♙hh1 (19.♙xb5 ♙xb5 20.♕xb5 ♕xb2 21.f3 ♙xc1 22.♙xc1 ♕d7=) 19...♙b8 20.♙hd1 ♙fc8 Atakhan,A (2294)-Darini,P (2432) Iran (ch) 149/(194) 2021

8.♙f4N

8.♙g5

8...O-O 9.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 10.gxf3!?

10.♙xf3 c6⇒

10...c6 11.♚d2 cxd5 12.cxd5 ♖h7! 13.a4

13.O-O-O a6⇐

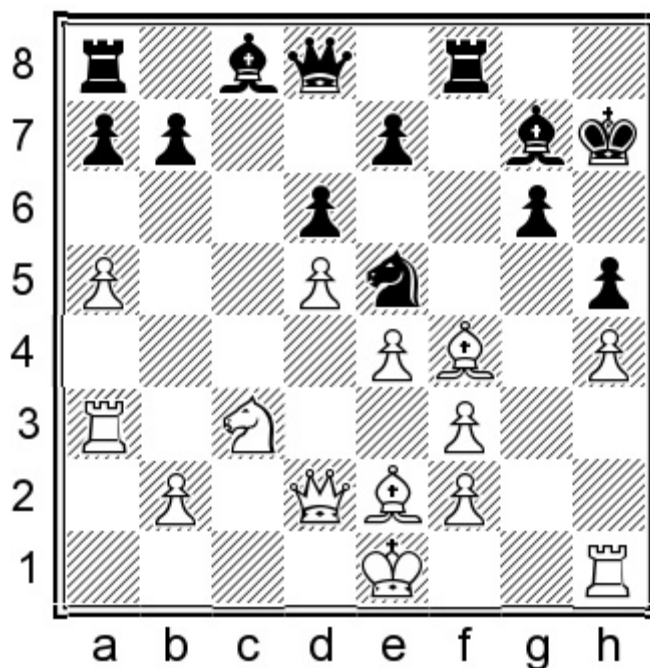
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14...a6⇐ Δ b5

15.♖a3

15.exf5 ♖xf5 16.♙e3∞

15...♘e5 16.♙e3 f4! 17.♙xf4



17...♙d7!

17...♖f7 18.♙f1 ♖f8 19.♙xe5 ♙xe5⇐

18.♘d1 ♖xf4! 19.♖xf4 ♙h6! 20.♖g3 ♖f8⇐ 21.♘e3

21.♙f1 ♙f4 22.♖g1 ♖f6 23.♘e3 ♖f8 24.♖c3 b5⇐

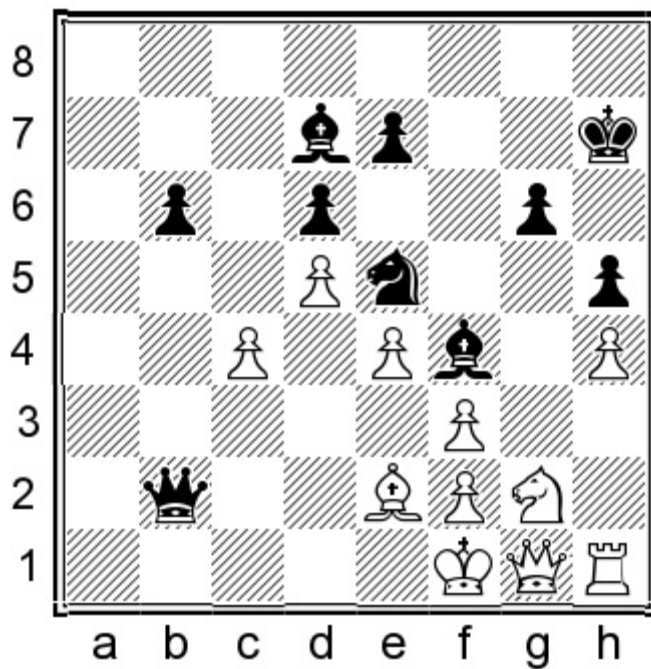
21...♙f4 22.♖g2 ♖c8 23.♖c3 ♖xc3 24.bxc3 ♖c8 25.c4 b5 26.axb6□ axb6 27.♖g1?

27.O-O ♙h3 28.♖h1 ♙xf1 29.♙xf1 ♖a8⇐

27...♖a8! 28.♙f1 ♖a2! 29.♘g2 ♖a1+?!

29...♖b1+ 30.♘e1 b5! 31.cxb5 ♙xb5 32.♙xb5 ♜xf3-+

30.♘e1 ♖b2 31.♘g2



31.♘d3 ♜xd3 32.♙xd3 ♖c3 33.♙e2 ♖d2 34.♖h2 ♜g7 35.♖h1±

31...♖c1+

31...♖b1+! - 29...Qb1

32.♘e1 ♖d2-+ 33.♖g2 ♜g7 34.♖g1 ♜f8 35.♖h1 e6 36.♖g3

36.dxe6 ♙xe6 37.♖g2 ♖c1

36...exd5 37.exd5

37.cxd5 b5

37...♙f5 38.♖g1 ♜f7 39.♖g3 ♘d7! 40.♖g5 ♙xg5 41.hxg5 ♘e5 0-1

E75-E99

195. E81

Shankland, Samuel L (2709) - Svidler, Peter (2714)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.h4 ♙g7 4.♗c3 d6 5.e4 ♗c6 6.♗ge2 O-O 7.f3 e5 8.d5 ♗d4 9.♙e3 c5
9...♗xe2

10.dxc6 bxc6 11.♗xd4 exd4 12.♙xd4

12.♙xd4? ♗g4 13.♙d2 ♗xe3 14.♙xe3 d5! 15.cxd5 ♖b8 16.O-O-O cxd5 17.♖xd5 ♙c7-+

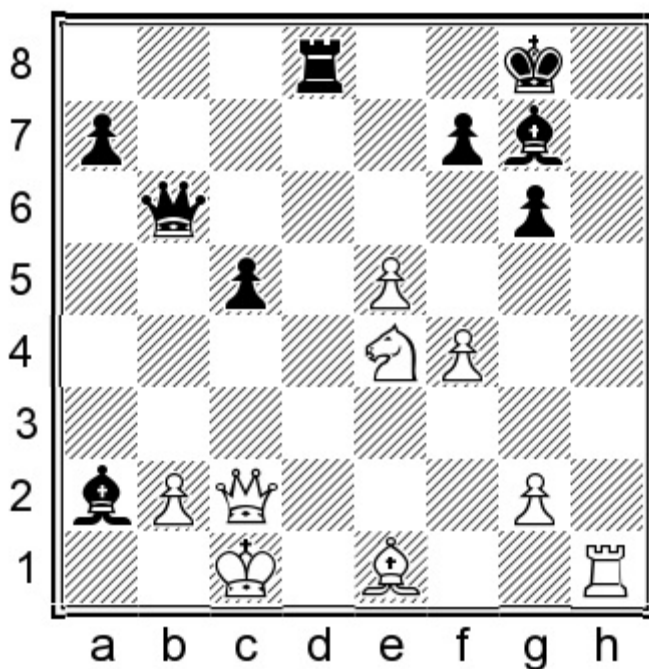
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12...c5 13.♙e3 ♗h5 14.♙d2 ♗g3 15.♖g1 ♙xh4 16.O-O-O ♙e6 17.♙g5 ♙h2 18.♙d3 ♖ab8=

13.♙c2 c5 14.♙f2 ♙e6 15.O-O-O ♗d7 16.♖xd6 ♙a5 17.♙e1 ♗e5 18.f4

18.b3 ♖fd8 19.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 20.♙d2 (20.♙e2 ♗c6) 20...♖xd2! 21.♙xd2 (21.♗xd2 ♗c6 22.♙b2 ♙d8+
23.♗e2 ♙d4 24.♙d2 ♙xc3 25.♙xc3 ♙xc3) 21...♗xf3! 22.gxf3 ♙xc3 23.♙c2 ♙f6; 18.h5 ♙xc4
19.f4 ♙xf1 20.fxe5 ♙c4 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.♗a4 ♙b5 23.b3 ♙f1

18...♗xc4 19.♙xc4 ♙xc4 20.e5 ♖fd8 21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.h5 ♙xa2 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.♗e4 ♙b6?



24...♙b5 25.♗d6 (25.♗xc5? ♖c8 26.b4 ♙e6 27.♙c3 ♙f5 28.♙f2 a5-+) 25...♙a6 26.♙xc5 ♙d3
27.♙c2 ♙d4 28.♙d2 ♙e6

25.♔h4!

25.♙c3 ♙b3 26.♚e2 ♚c6 27.♜d6 ♚a4 28.♚e4 ♚a1+ 29.♚b1 ♚a6 30.♚e4 ♚a1+ 31.♚b1 ♚a6=

25...♞d4 26.♜f6+ ♔f8 27.♙f2+- ♙xf6

27...♞c4 28.♚xc4! ♙xc4 29.♙xc5+! ♚xc5 30.♜d7++-

28.exf6 ♚xf6 29.♚xc5+ ♞d6 30.♚c8+! 1-0

196. !N E90

Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2554) - Gonzalez Zamora, Juan Carlos (2545)
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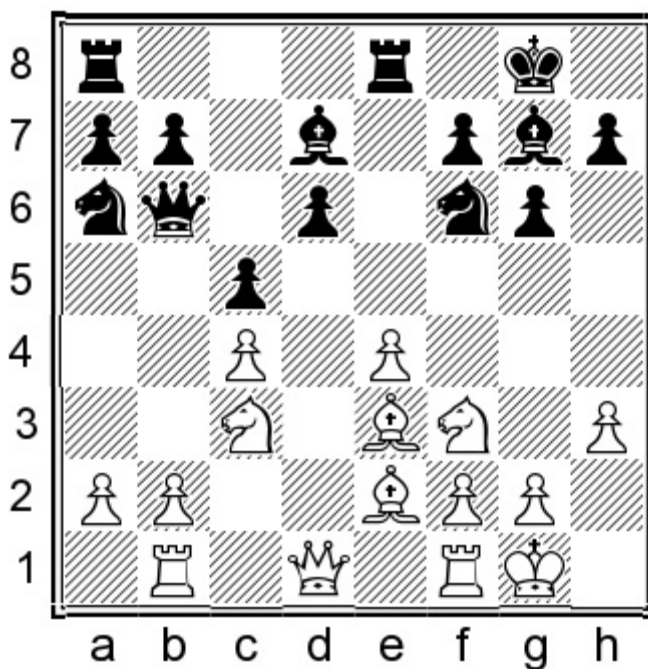
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7...e5

8.d5 e6 9.dxe6!?

9.♙d3 - 140/(198)

9...♙xe6 10.♙e2 ♞e8 11.O-O ♚b6 12.♞b1 ♙d7



13.b4!N

13.♜d2

13...♜xb4

13...♜xe4 14.♜xe4 ♞xe4 15.bxc5+-

14.a3 a5 15.axb4 axb4 16.e5?!

16.♙d3±; 16.♜d2! ♙c6 17.♜b5+-

16...dxe5 17.♜d5 ♚c6 18.♙xc5 ♚xc5 19.♜xf6+ ♙xf6 20.♚xd7 e4 21.♜d2

21.♜h2 ♙d4±

21...e3 22.♜b3 exf2+ 23.♚xf2 ♚e3 24.♚d3 ♙h4

24...♙g5=

25.♚xe3 ♚xe3 26.♙f3 ♙xf2+ 27.♜xf2 ♚c3 28.♙d5 ♚a2+ 29.♜g1 ♚ac2

29...♜g7=

30.♜h2 ♜g7

30...♚a2!=

31.♜d4 ♚d2 32.♜f3 ♚dd3 33.♚xb4 ♚b3 34.♚xb7 ♚xb7 35.♙xb7 ♚c3 36.♙d5± f5 37.♜g1 ♜f6
38.♜f2 g5 39.g4 fxg4 40.hxg4 h5 41.gxh5 g4 42.♜d2 ♚h3 43.♜e4+ ♜e5 44.♜g3 ♜f4 45.♜e2+ ♜e5
46.♙g2 ♚xh5 47.♜g3 ♜d6 48.♜f4 ♚a5 49.♜xg4 ♚a3 50.♙d5 ♚c3 51.♜g6 ♚e3 52.♜f4 ♚e1 53.♜f3
♚e8 54.♜f4 ♜e5 55.♜e2 ♚d8 56.♙e4 ♚d2 57.♜c1 ♚h2 58.♙d5 ♚h3+ 59.♜e2 ♜d4 60.♜d2 ♜c5

60...♚d3+! 61.♜e1 ♚a3=

61.♜c2 ♚h5?

61...♚g3=

62.♜d3+ ♜d4 63.♜f4 ♚f5 64.♜e6+ ♜e5 65.♜c3+- ♚f1 66.♜c5 ♚c1+ 67.♜b4 ♚d1 68.♙e4 ♚d8
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197. E90

Vrolijk, Liam (2480) - Theodorou, Nikolas (2569)

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1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 g6 3.♜c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♜f3 O-O 6.h3 e5 7.d5 ♜a6 8.♙e3 ♜h5 9.a3 f5 10.b4 ♜f4

10...♜b8 - 147/194

11.g3 ♜h5N

11...fxe4 12.♜d2 ♜d3+ 13.♙xd3 exd3 14.♜de4 ♜b8 15.♚xd3±

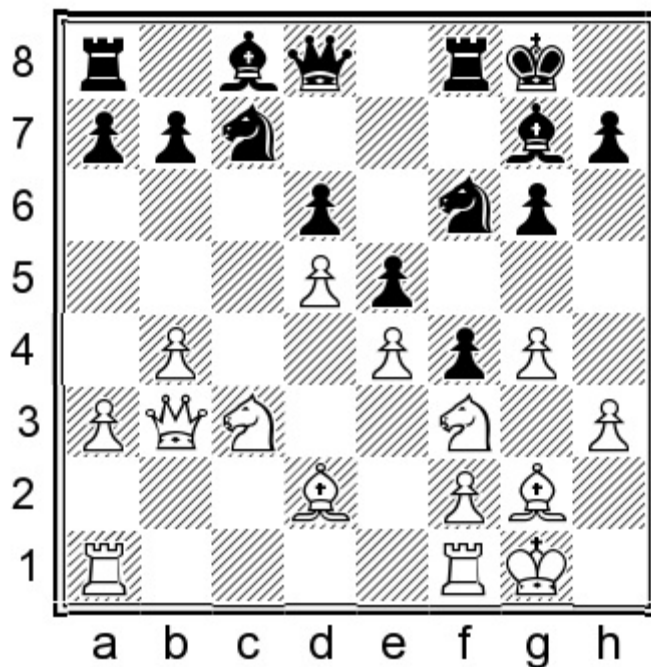
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12.exf5 gxf5 13.♜g5 ♜f6 14.♚d2 c5 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.O-O-O ♜e8=

12...c6 13.♙g2 cxd5 14.cxd5

14.♖xd5 ♖c7 15.♙g5 ♗f6 16.♗xf6+ ♙xf6 17.♙h6 ♙g7 18.♙xg7 ♔xg7 19.exf5 ♙xf5 20.O-O±

14...♗c7 15.O-O f4 16.g4 ♗f6 17.♖b3



17...h6! 18.♖fc1 ♗h7 19.a4 h5 20.gxh5 gxh5

20...♗g5! 21.♗xg5 ♖xg5 22.♗b5 ♗xb5 23.axb5 ♖xh5 24.♖f3 ♖h4

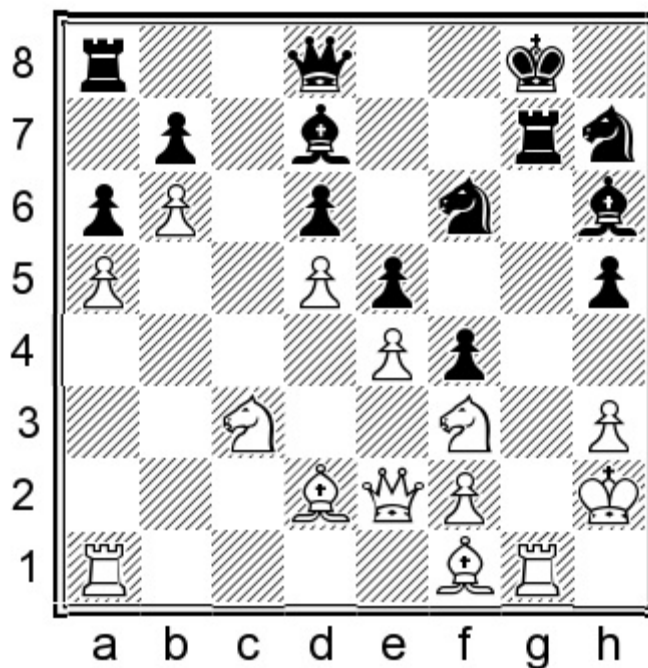
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21...♗g5! 22.♗xg5 ♖xg5 23.♔h1 ♔h8 24.♗e2 ♗b5

22.♔h2 ♙d7 23.b5 ♗e8 24.b6 a6 25.♖d1?!

25.♖g1 ♗ef6 26.♔h1 ♖c8 27.♖ac1 ♗g4

25...♙h6 26.♖e2 ♖g7 27.♖g1 ♗ef6 28.♙f1



28...♖g4+!

28...♙g4!? 29.hxg4 (29.♔d3 ♕h8 30.♙e1 ♖d7±) 29...hxg4 30.♖h4 ♔e8±

29.♕h1

29.hxg4 hxg4 30.♙h3 ♔e8-+

29...♖g5

♙29...♔f6 30.♖c1 ♕h8 31.♖d1 ♖g5 32.♖xg5 ♖xg5±

30.♖xg5 ♙xg5 31.f3?!

31.♔f3 ♙h4 32.♙e1 ♖c8 33.♖c1 ♖c5±

31...♖e3

31...♙h4 32.hxg4 (32.♙e1 ♖c8-+) 32...hxg4 33.fxg4 ♙g3-+

32.♖c1 ♖c8 33.♔f2 ♙h4-+ 34.♖xg7+ ♕xg7 35.♔g1+ ♕h7 36.♖e2 ♖xc1 37.♖xc1 ♖xf1 38.♔xf1 ♔c8 39.♖d3 ♙b5 0-1

198. * IN E92

Greenfeld, Alon (2507) - Mikhalevski, Victor (2581)

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1.d4 ♖f6 2.♖f3 g6 3.c4 ♙g7 4.♖c3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.♙e2 e5 7.♙e3 exd4 8.♖xd4 ♖e8 9.f3 c6 10.♔d2 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.O-O ♖c6 13.c5 ♖h5 14.♙f2 ♙e5 15.g3 ♖g7

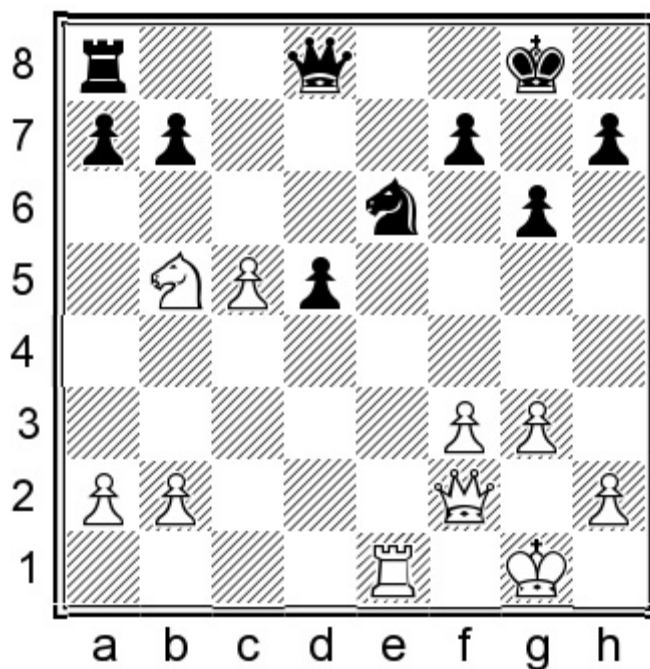
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♙xb2 22.♚f1 ♖ad8 23.♞ed1 ♜xd5 24.♞xd5 ♞d8 25.♞xd8+ ♜xd8 26.♚e1±) 19...♙xc3 20.♞xc3 ♞c7
21.♜d4 ♖ad8 22.b4± Stoczek,J (2604)-Vitiugov,N (2715) tornelo.com (Int.-rapid) 149/(198) 2021

16.♙b5 ♙d7 17.♞fe1

17.♜de2 - 66/(518)

17...♜xd4 18.♙xd4 ♙xd4+ 19.♞xd4 ♙xb5 20.♜xb5 ♞xe1+ 21.♞xe1 ♜e6 22.♞f2?!



22.♞c3 d4 23.♞c4 ♞f6 24.♜d6 ♞xf3 25.♜xf7 ♞xf7 26.♞xe6 ♞d8=

22...d4!N

22...♞a5

23.♜d6

23.♞d2 b6 24.b4 (24.c6? a6 25.♜a3 (25.c7 ♞d7-+) 25...♞d5-+) 24...bxc5 25.bxc5 ♞f6 26.♞e2 ♞d8±

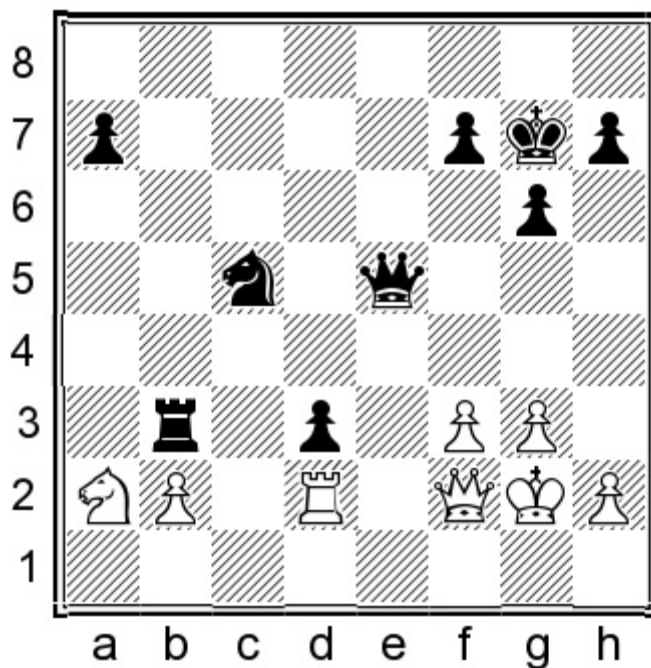
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♚f8±

26...♞d5 27.♜e4 ♚g7 28.♞e1 ♞b3

28...d3 29.♞d2 ♜xc5 30.♞e3 ♜xe4 31.fxe4 ♞e5 32.♞xd3 ♞xb2 33.♞d4 ♞xd4+ 34.♞xd4 a5±

29.♚g2 d3 30.♞d2 ♜xc5-+ 31.♜c3 ♞d4 32.♞f2 ♞e5 33.♜a2



33...a4

33...a5! 34.♖c1 ♜b7 35.b3 ♜d7-+

34.♖c1 ♜xb2 35.♗xd3 ♜xd2 36.♙xd2 ♙d4 37.♙a5 ♗c3 38.♗f4 ♗d1 39.♙c7 ♙f2+ 40.♔h3 ♙xf3 0-1

199. E97

Navara, David (2675) - Piorun, Kacper (2608)

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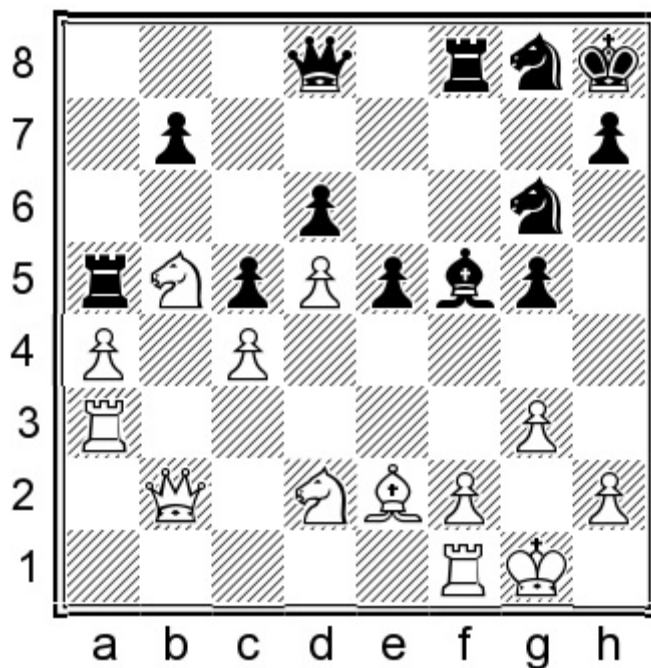
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12...♞a6 - 145/(201)

13.♞a3N

13.♞b1

13...♗fg8 14.♙b1 ♙h6 15.♗b5 ♙xd2 16.♗xd2 g5 17.♙b2 ♗g6 18.g3 f5 19.exf5 ♙xf5



20.♔d3! ♕xd3 21.♖xd3± ♘f6

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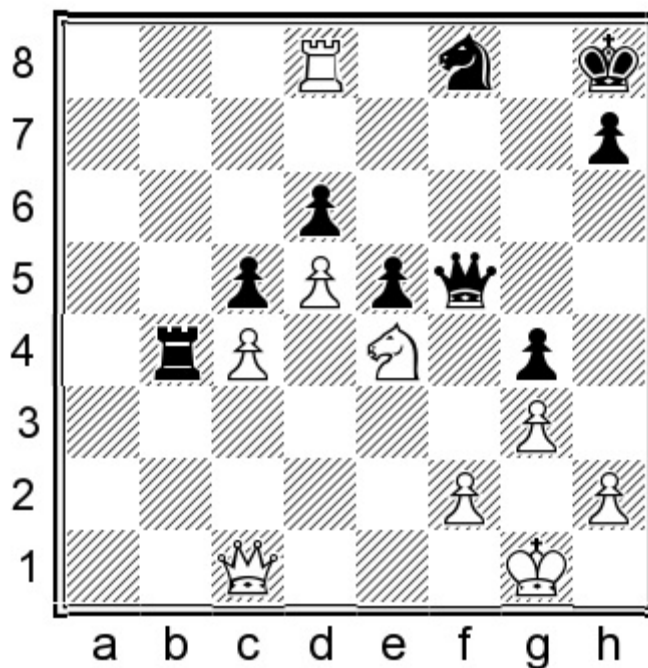
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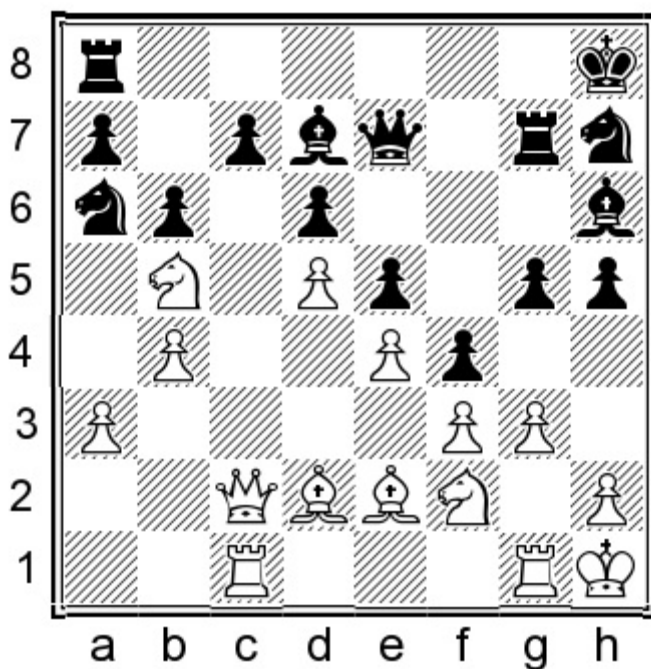
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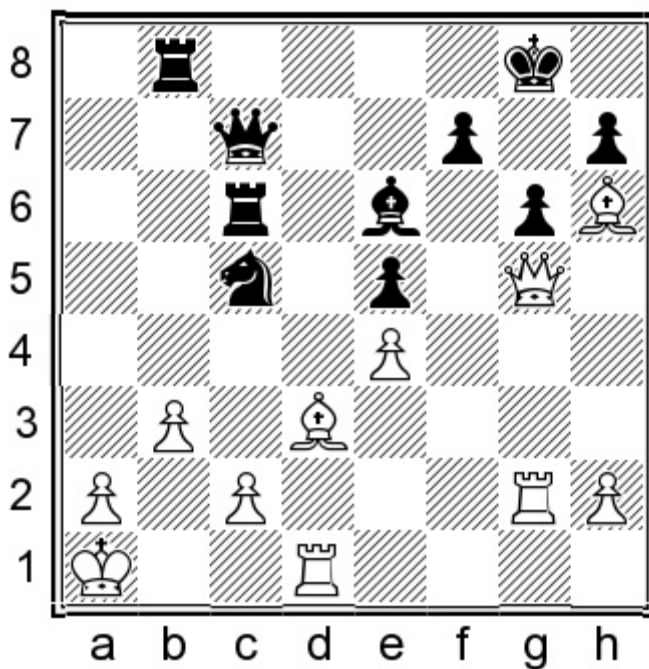
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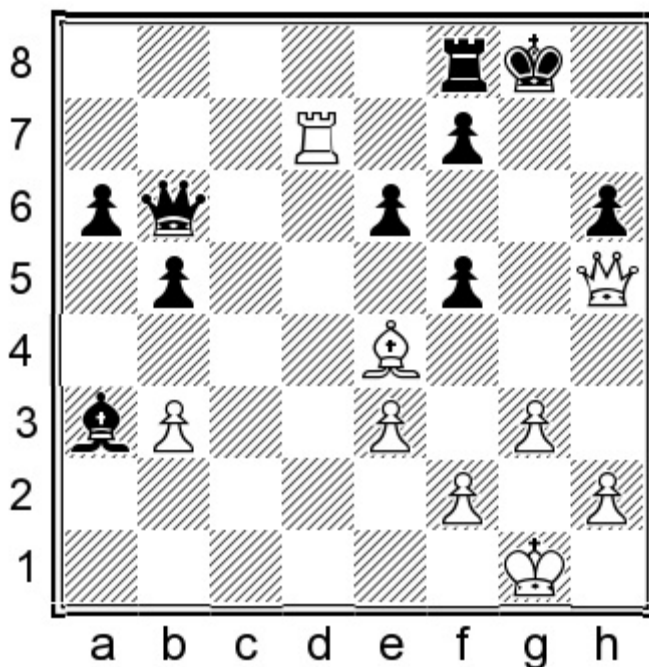
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1...f6?

1...♙xb3! 2.cxb3 (2...♙b5 ♙xa2! 3.♙xc6 (3...♙xa2 ♖a5+ 4.♙b1 ♜xb5+ 5.♙c1 ♜b3+ 6.♙b2 ♜d2+ 7.♙c1 ♜b1#) 3...♙d5! 4.♙a4 (4.c4 ♖a5+ 5.♙a2 ♖c3+) 4...♖a5-+) 2...♜xb3+ 3.axb3 ♖a7+ 4.♙a2 (4.♙b1 ♜xb3+ 5.♙b2 ♜xb2+ 6.♙xb2 ♖d4+ 7.♙a2 ♖a4+ 8.♙b2 ♖b4+ 9.♙a2 ♜c8! 10.♖f6 ♙a8+

11.♔a6 ♖c4+ 12.♕b2 ♜b8+-) 4...♗d4+ 5.♞b2 ♞xb3 6.♗g2 (6.♗d8+ ♖xd8 7.♞xb3 g5!+-) 6...♞xb2
 7.♗xb2 ♖a4+ 8.♕b1 ♗xd1+-+
 2.♗xf6 ♔xb3 3.♗g7+ ♗xg7 4.♔xg7 ♔xc2 5.♔xc2 ♕xg7 6.♞g3=

2. Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2792) - Aronian, Levon (2781)
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1.♗xh6! fxe4

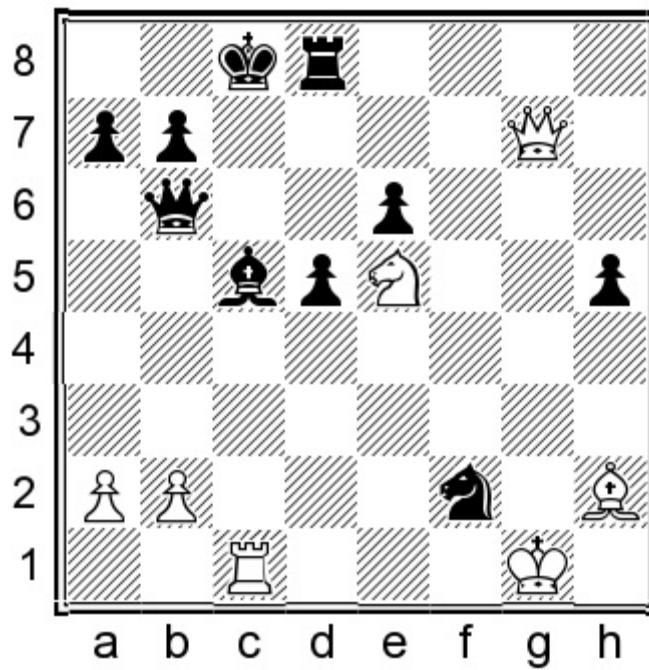
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 7.♔h5+-) 5.♗xf4+-

2.♞d5! ♗xe3

2...exd5 3.♗xb6+-; 2...♔e7 3.♞h5+-

3.♗xe3 exd5 4.♗g5+ ♕h8 5.♗xd5+-

3. Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2760) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2792)
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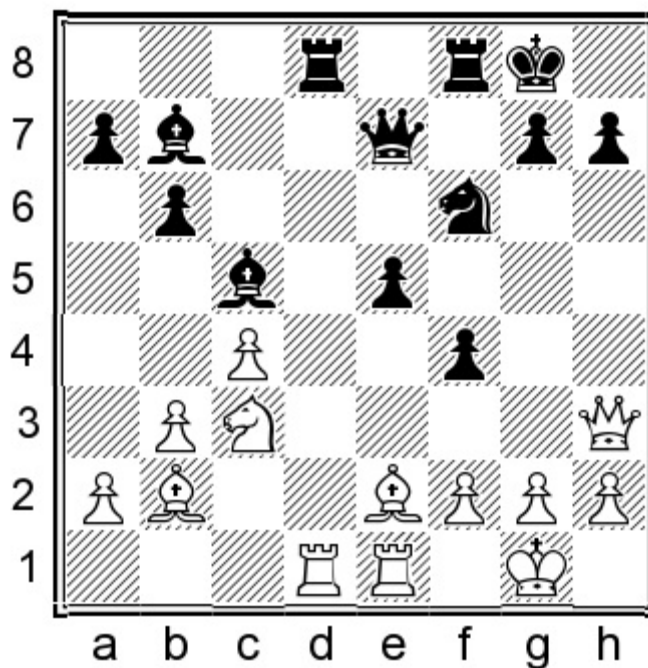
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1.♘d7!

1...♘d3+ 2.♖xc5+-; 1...♖xd7 2.♙f8+ ♖d8 3.♖xc5+-

4. Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782) - Shankland, Samuel (2709)
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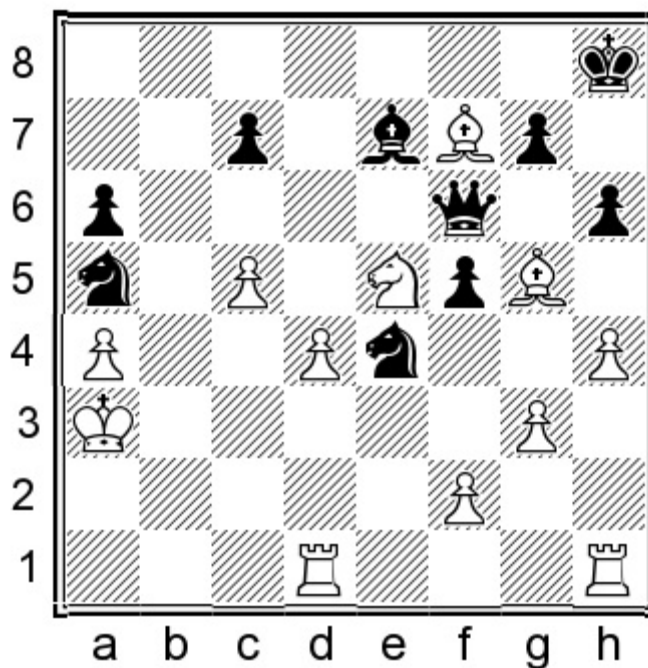
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3.♚f3 ♘g4+ 4.♔g1 (4.♔f1 ♘h2+-+; 4.♚xg4 ♙xg4 5.♙xg4 ♚h4+ 6.♔f3 ♖d3+! 7.♖xd3 ♚xe1 8.♘e4 (8.♙a3 ♖e8 9.♙f5 ♚f1+ 10.♔e4 ♚xg2+ 11.♖f3 ♚c2+ 12.♖d3 g6 13.♙g4 ♚xh2-+) 8...♚f1+ 9.♘f2 e4+-+) 4...♚c5+-+

3...♖xd8 4.g4 ♖d2! 5.♖d1 ♙xg4 0-1

5. Bacrot, Etienne (2678) - Ponkratov, Pavel (2629)
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1...♘g5?

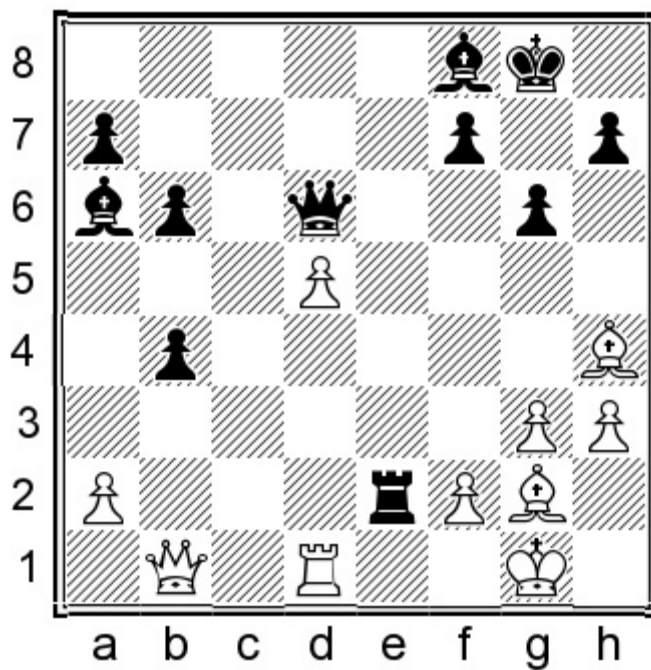
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2.hxg5 ♙xg5 3.♙b1 g6 4.♙b8+ ♙h7 5.♙d1 ♙f6 6.♙xg6+ ♙g7 7.♙f7+-

6. Gukesh, Dommaraju (2578) - Stukan, Martin (2443)

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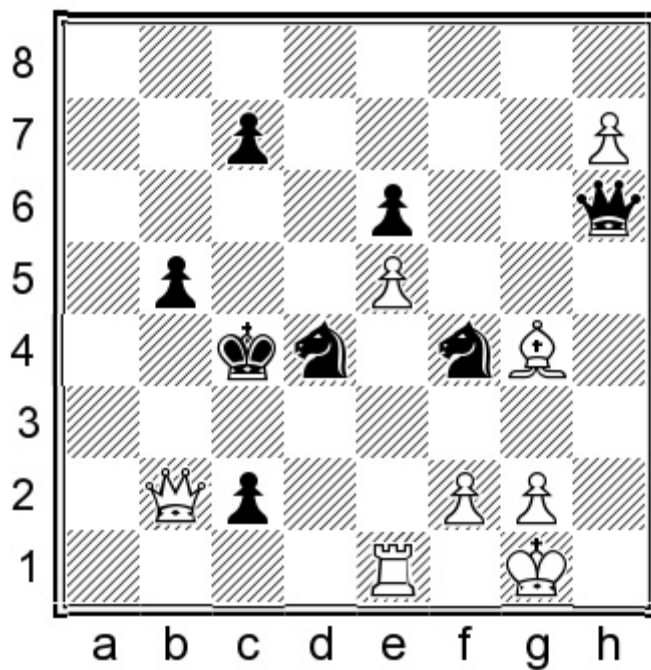
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1...♖e8

1...♖xf2! 2.♔xf2 (2.g4 ♖e2-+) 2...♚c5+ 3.♔f3 ♚c3+ 4.♔f4 (4.♔f2 ♚c5-+-) 4...♙d6+ 5.♔g4 h5+ 6.♔g5 ♚e5+ 7.♔h6 ♙f8#

2.g4 ♙b7 3.♚d3∞

7. Krasenkow, Michal (2591) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2608)
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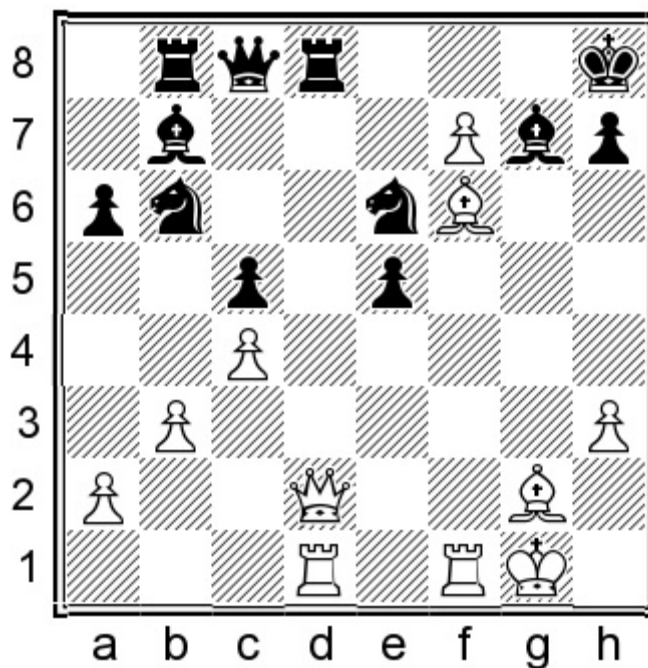
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1.♖e4? ♘h3+! 2.gxh3 c1=♔+-+

1...♔xh8 2.♖e4 c5 3.♖xf4 ♔xe5 4.♔xc2+ ♔d5 5.♔d2+-

8. Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2792) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2782)
Zagreb (rapid), 2021
III i



1.? +-

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1. ♔xd8+!!

1. ♔xd8 ♕xg2 2. ♔xg2 ♖d7 3. ♔e7 ♖df8 4. ♔d6±

1... ♔xd8

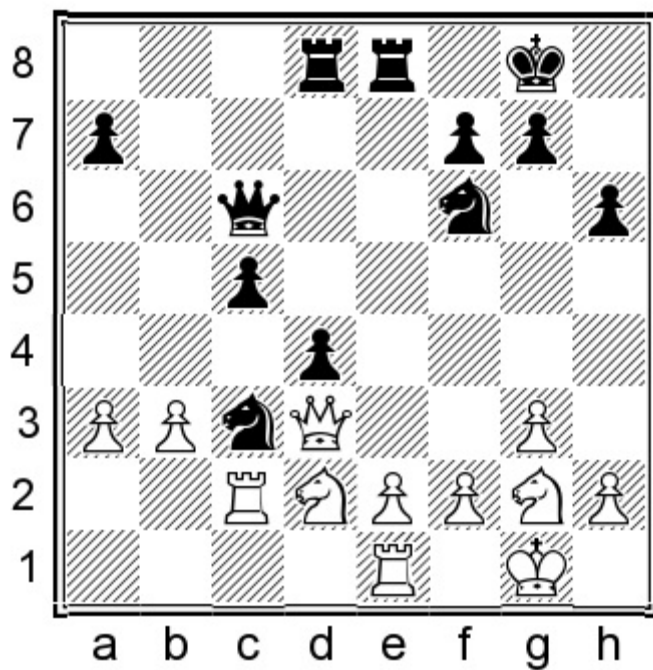
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2. ♔xd8 ♕xg2 3. ♔xg2 ♖f8

3... ♖xd8 4. ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 5. f8=♔+ ♕xf8 6. ♖xf8+ ♔g7 7. ♖xd8+-

4. ♔e7+-

9. Raja, Rithvik R (2408) - Mirzoev, Azer (2430)
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III j



1...? -+

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1...♘xe2+!

1...♖xe2?! 2.♖xc3! dxc3 3.♙xd8+ ♖e8! 4.♖xe8+ ♙xe8 5.♙xe8+ ♘xe8 6.♘e3 cxd2 7.♔f1=

2.♔f1

2.♖xe2 ♖xe2 3.♙xe2 d3 4.♙e7 dxc2 (4...♖e8? 5.♙xc5) 5.♙xd8+ ♔h7-+

2...♘c3-+

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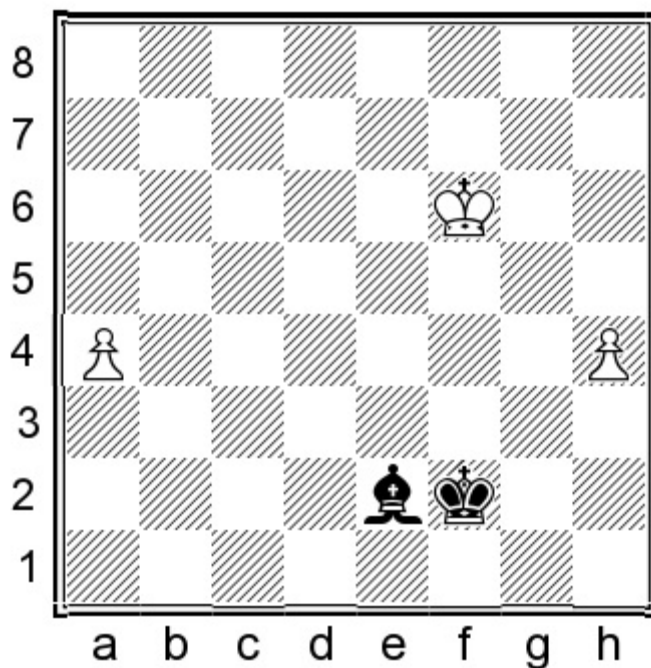


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1. Kucuksari, Kaan (2365) - Storme, Isak (2398)

Uppsala, 2021

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1.? +-

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1.a5!

1.♔g5? ♜e3 2.a5 ♔d4=

1...♜e3 2.♜e5!+- ♔d2

2...♞f3 3.a6+-

3.♜d4

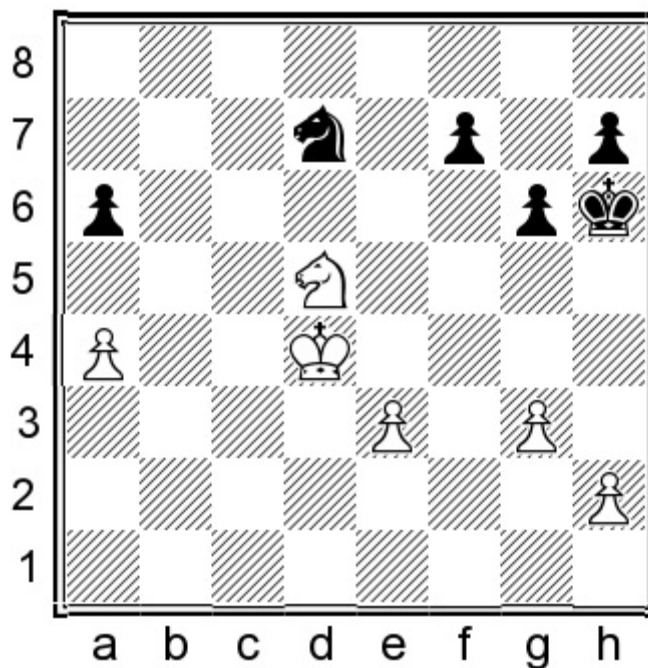
3.♜f4 ♔c3 4.♜e3! ♞c4 5.h5 ♔b4 6.a6 ♞d5 7.h6

3...♜c2 4.♜e3 ♔d1 5.♜f4 ♔d2 6.♜g5 ♔c3 7.h5 ♔b4 8.h6 ♞d3 9.a6 ♔c5 10.a7 ♔d5 1-0

2. Karthikeyan, Murali (2606) - Banusz, Tamas (2631)

Biel, 2021

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1...♔g5! 2.h3

2.a5 ♖g4 3.♘c7 ♖h3 4.♙xa6 ♖xh2 5.♙c5 ♙b8! 6.♙e5 (6.a6?? ♙xa6 7.♙xa6 ♖xg3 8.♙c5 h5 9.♙e4+ ♖f3! 10.♙g5+ ♖g4 11.♙xf7 h4 12.♙e5+ ♖g3 13.♙e4 h3 14.♙f3 g5-+) 6...♙c6+ 7.♙f6 ♙xa5 8.♙e4 ♙c4 9.♙xf7 ♙xe3=

2...a5 3.♙c4

3.♙c3 f5 4.♙c4 h5! 5.♙d5 h4 6.gxh4+ ♖xh4 7.♙e7 g5 8.♙xf5+ ♖xh3 9.♙b5 g4 10.♙xa5 ♙c5 11.♙b5 ♙xa4 12.♙xa4 g3 13.♙d4 g2 14.♙e2 ♖g4! 15.♙g1 ♖g3=

3...h5 4.♙b5 h4 5.gxh4+

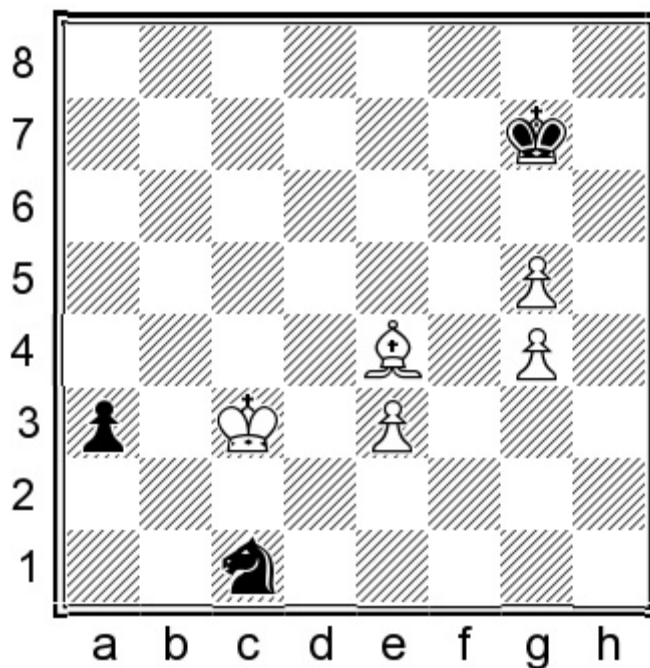
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5...♖xh4 6.♙xa5 ♙c5 7.♙b5 ♙xa4 8.♙xa4 ♖xh3 9.♙b4 g5 10.♙c5 g4 11.♙d6 g3 12.♙f4+ ♖g4 13.♙e5

13.♙e5 g2 14.♙xg2 ♖f3=

1/2-1/2

3. Artemiev, Vladislav (2704) - Aronian, Levon (2781)
chess24.com (Int.-m1/2-rapid), 2021
 ♙♙ 4/e



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1...♖e2+! 2.♔b3 a2! 3.♔b2

3.♕xa2 ♖c3+ 4.♔b3 ♖xe4=

3...♖c3! 4.♙c2

4.♙f5 ♖d1+ 5.♔xa2 ♖xe3 6.♔b2 ♖xg4 7.♙xg4 ♔g6=

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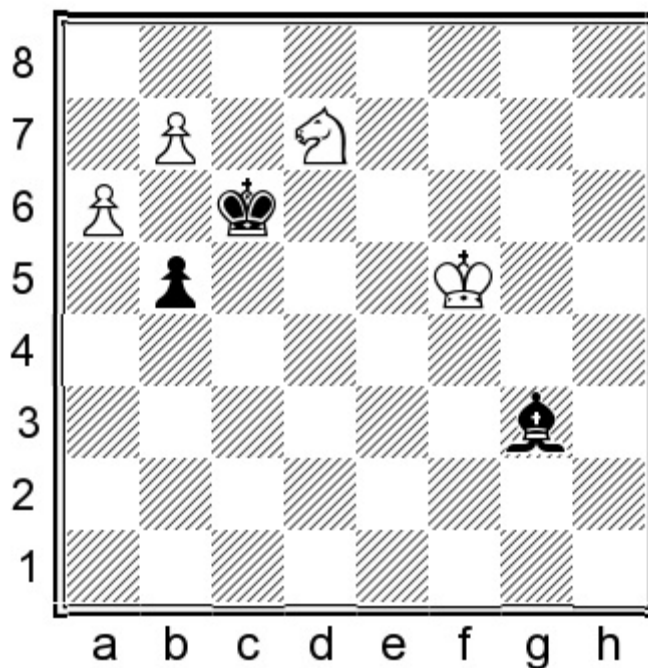
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6.♙d3 ♖xg4 7.♙e2 ♖f2 8.e5 ♖h3

8...♖e4=

9.♔xa2 ♖xg5 10.♔b3 ♖f7 11.e6 ♖g5 12.♙g4 ♔f6 13.♔c4 ♖xe6 14.♙xe6 1/2-1/2

4. Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Martinovic, Sasa (2548)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2), 2021
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1.♖e5+!

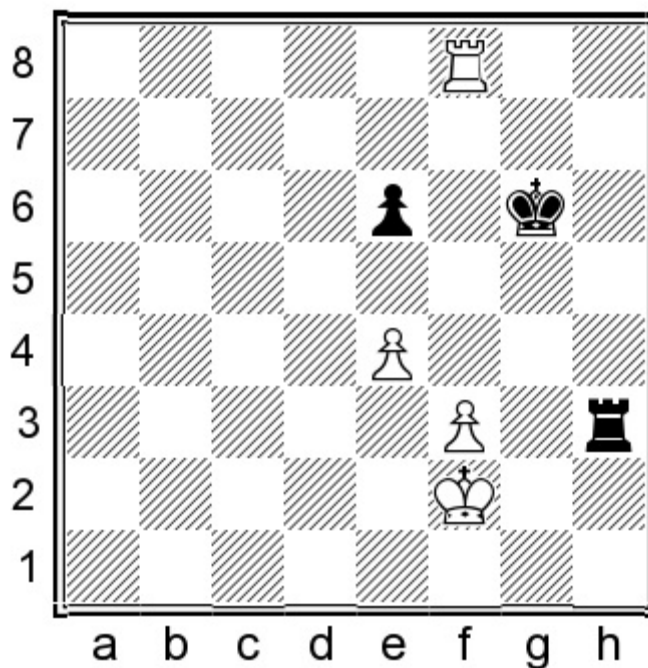
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1...♖c7 2.♖e4 b4 3.♗d7!+- ♖c6 4.♖d3

4.b8=♚?? ♙xb8 5.♗xb8+ ♖b6 6.♖d4 ♖a7=

4...♙c7 5.♖c4 ♙d6 6.♖b3 ♙c7 7.♖xb4 ♙d6+ 8.♖c4 ♙c7 9.♖d3 ♙d6 10.♖e4 ♙c7 11.♖f5 ♙d6 12.♗e5+ ♖c7 13.♖e6 ♙c5 14.♗c6 1-0

5. Bok, Benjamin (2624) - Sevian, Samuel (2647)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/1), 2021
 ♖ 5/a



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1.e5! ♔g5 2.♔e3! ♚h6 3.f4+

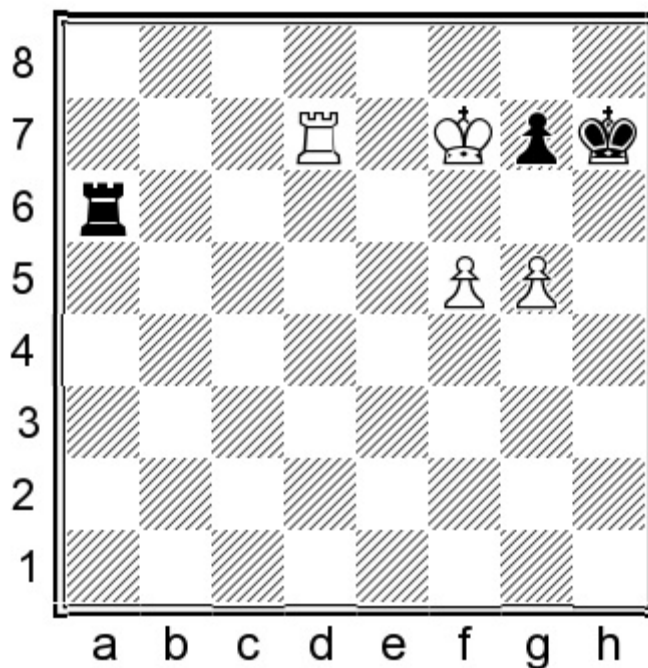
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3...♔h5

3...♔g4 4.♚f6 ♚h1 5.♚g6+ ♔h5 6.♚xe6+-

4.♔e4+- ♚h7 5.♚e8 ♚h6 6.f5 exf5+ 7.♔xf5 ♚h7 8.e6 ♔h6 9.♔f6 ♔h5 10.♚g8 ♚h6+ 11.♔f5 1-0

6. Artemiev, Vladislav (2704) - Ding, Liren (2799)
chess24.com (Int.-m/1-rapid), 2021
♚ 5/a



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1...♖a8!

1...♖a5? 2.f6! ♖xg5 3.♔f8 ♖b5 4.f7! ♖e5 5.♞d1+-

2.♞e7

2.f6 gxf6 3.g6+ (3.gxf6 ♖b8=) 3...♔h6 4.g7 ♔h7=

2...♞b8 3.♞e1 ♖b7+ 4.♔f8 ♖b8+ 5.♔f7 ♖b7+ 6.♞e7 ♖b8 7.♞a7 ♖c8!=

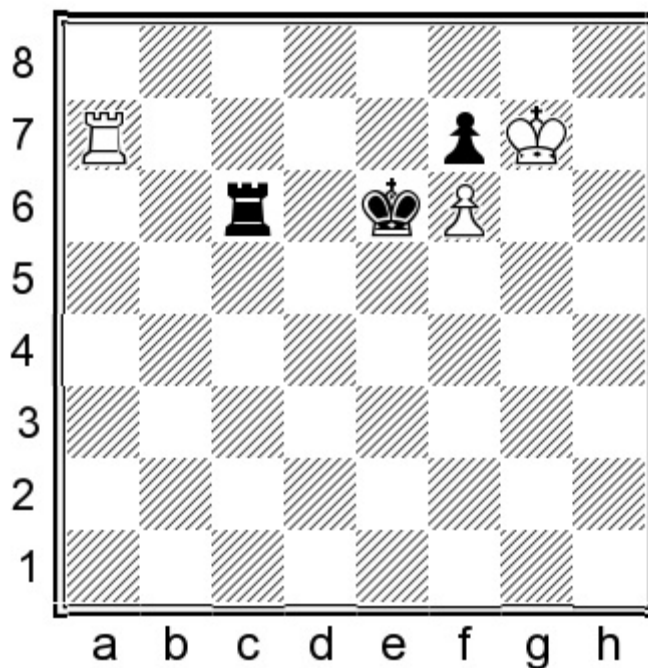
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8.f6 gxf6 9.gxf6 ♖b8 10.♞e7 ♖a8 11.♞e1 ♖a7+ 12.♞e7 ♖a8 13.♞e8 ♖a7+ 14.♔e6 ♖a6+ 15.♔f5 ♖a5+ 16.♔e6 ♖a6+ 17.♔f7 ♖a7+ 18.♞e7 ♖a8 1/2-1/2

7. Marin, Mihail (2510) - Carlsson, Ludvig (2396)

Uppsala, 2021

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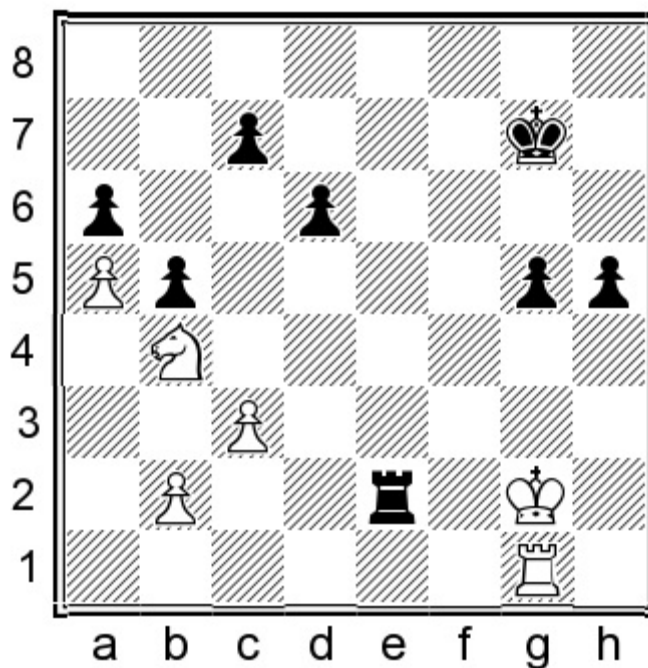
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1...♔f5!

1...♖c3 2.♖a6+ ♔d7 3.♔xf7 ♖f3 4.♖a4+-

2.♖xf7 ♔g5!= 3.♖f8 ♖a6 4.♖b8 ♖xf6 5.♖b5+ ♖f5 6.♖xf5+ ♔xf5 1/2-1/2

8. Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2738) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2726)
Krasnaya Polyana (m/2), 2021
 ♖ 8/f6



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1.♔h1!

1.♔f3 ♖xb2 2.♖xg5+ ♔h6 3.♖d5 ♖b3 4.♖d3 c5 5.♘xa6 b4 6.♖xd6+ ♔g7 7.♘xc5 ♖xc3+ 8.♘d3 ♖a3 9.a6 b3 10.♘b2 ♖a2 11.♖d7+ ♔f6 12.a7 ♔e6 13.♖b7 ♔d5=

1...♖xb2 2.♖a1! c5 3.♘xa6 b4 4.♘xb4! cxb4 5.a6+- bxc3 6.a7 c2 7.a8=♚ ♖b1+ 8.♔g2 c1=♚ 9.♖a7+ ♔f6 10.♚f8+ ♔e5 11.♖e7+ ♔d5

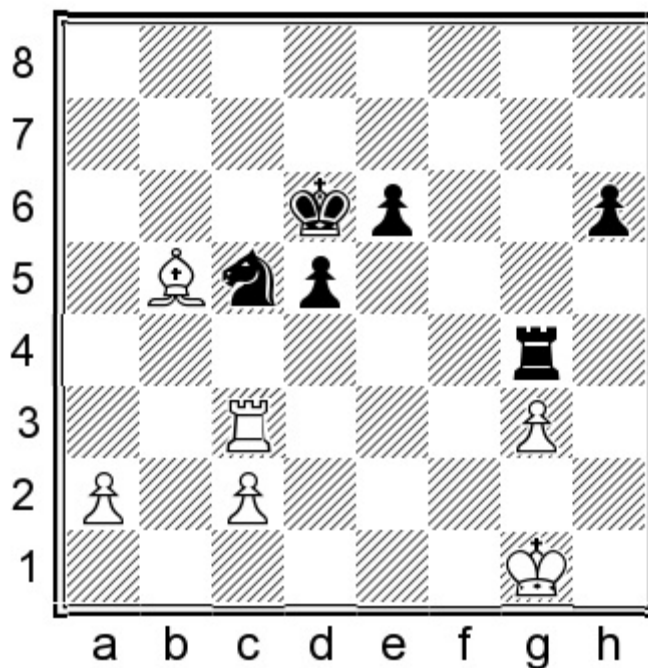
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12.♚f3+ ♔c5 13.♖c7+ ♔b4 14.♚b7+ ♔a5 15.♚a7+ ♔b5 16.♚b8+ 1-0

9. Ivic, Velimir (2571) - Hakobyan, Aram (2612)

Riga, 2021

♖ 9/i



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1.a4!

1.♖f3 ♜b4 2.♙d3 ♜a4 3.♕f2 ♜xa2 4.♕e3 ♞d7+

1...♜b4

1...♞xa4 2.♞c6+ ♕e5 3.c4! ♞xg3+ (3...♞c3 4.cxd5! ♞xd5 (4...♞xb5 5.♞xe6+ ♕xd5 6.♞xh6=) 5.♕f2 ♞e7 6.♞a6 ♞f5 7.♞a3=) 4.♕f2 ♞a3 5.cxd5 ♕xd5 6.♞a6 ♞a2+ 7.♕f3 ♞c3 8.♞xa2 ♞xa2 9.♕g4 e5 10.♙d3=

2.♞a3 d4

2...e5 3.♙e8 ♜b1+ 4.♕g2 ♞c1 5.♙g6 e4 6.c3 ♕c7 7.a5 ♞c2+ 8.♕f1=

3.♞a1 e5 4.♙e8 e4 5.a5= ♜b8

5...♞a6 6.♙g6 ♕d5 7.♞e1 ♞c5 8.♞a1 ♞a6=

6.♙f7 ♞a8 7.♙c4 ♕e5 8.a6 d3 9.cxd3 exd3 10.a7 d2 11.♙e2 ♞b3 12.♞a3 ♞d4 13.♙d1 ♕d6 14.♕f2 ♞b5 15.♞d3+ ♕c5 16.♞xd2 ♞xa7 17.♞c2+ ♕d6 18.♞c8 ♞a2+ 19.♕e3 ♞c7 20.♙f3 ♞e6 21.♞b8 ♞a3+ 22.♕f2 ♕e5 23.♞b5+ ♕f6 24.♞b6 ♕e5 25.♞b5+ 1/2-1/2

TOURNAMENTS

KFAR SAVA, V–VI 2021
The Kfar Sava Tournament

cat. VIII (2434)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. E. Rozen 6½, 2–4. G. Flom, A. Erenberg, M. Efroimski 6, 5. Rozenalis 5½, 6. I. Gorshtein 4, 7–8. Abergel, Dvoirys 3½, 9. Travadon 3, 10. G. Levin 1

DULLES, V–VI 2021
The 8th Cherry Blossom Classic
(58 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 120 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1–3. Nyzhnyk, N. Theodorou, John M. Burke 7, 4–6. N. Checa, B. Jacobson, T. Stremavicius 6½, 7. Hevia Alejano 6, 8–17. Zhou Jianchao, Stukopin, Panchanathan, J. Ruiz Castillo, B. Escalante Ramirez, Jason Liang, N. Chasin, Ju. Paul, Paciorek, Y. Yanayt 5½, etc.

KAZAN, V–VI 2021
The 43rd Nezmetdinov Memorial
(170 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Schekachikhin 7½, 2–6. Aleksey Aleksandrov, Dm. Kokarev, Arty. Timofeev, Pridorozhni, A. Suleymenov 7, 7–13. Frolyanov, Nikita Maurov (13501720), Ra. Faizrahmanov, Ivan Rozum (24104272), Petr Palachev, Anton Smirnov (44172699), Andrey Tsvetkov (34139360) 6½, etc.

ANAPA, VI 2021
The Sea Harbor Cup
(112 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Iliushenok 7½, 2–6. P. Ponkratov, Nikita Petrov (4101286), A. Gabrielyan, Vadim Moiseenko (4123700), Maksim Lavrov (4166418) 7, 7–11. Ar. Galaktionov, Nikita Afanasiev (24183555), A. Goganov, A. Khrushchiov, B. Kovanova 6½, etc.

BUCHUREȘTI, VI 2021
The Grand Chess Tour 2021 – Superbet Chess Classic

cat. XXI (2751)

The 2021 Grand Chess Tour is a series of elite tournaments in which the participating players are eligible to earn Grand Chess Tour Points in accordance with their final rank in each Event. At the end of the regular 2021 GCT Season, bonus payments totalling USD 175,000 will be paid out to the top 3 finishers based on the accumulated GCT Tour Points over the season.

The 2021 Grand Chess Tour will consist of two 10-player Round Robin Tournaments played at Classical time controls and three 10-player Round Robin Tournaments played at both Rapid & Blitz time controls. A total of ten full tour participants will be selected for the 2021 GCT season with each full tour participant required to participate in both classical chess tournaments as well as in two of the available three Rapid & Blitz events. Players will earn GCT points in all events and the results of every event will count towards the final GCT standings at the end of the regular season.

Tour Points shall be awarded based on the final ranking of each full tour player in each event as set out below. The same point allocations shall apply to both the classical and rapid and blitz events. Tour Points shall be shared equally between tied players and shall not be impacted by the result of any playoff or tiebreaks that may take place.

Place	GCT Points	Place	GCT Points
1 st	12/13*	6 th	5
2 nd	10	7 th	4
3 rd	8	8 th	3
4 th	7	9 th	2
5 th	6	10 th	1

* Any player who wins an Event outright (without the need for a playoff) shall earn a bonus GCT Tour Point for the outright victory.

In the Classical Events, the standings shall be determined by the allocation of: 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in all games.

In the Rapid & Blitz Events the standings shall be determined by the allocation of: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in a Rapid game; and 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in a Blitz game

The Superbet Chess Classic is the first stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2021.

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves and 30 minutes for the rest of the game; plus 30 seconds increment from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		GCT points
1	MAMEDYAROV	g	2770	■	■	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	6	13
2	ARONIAN	g	2781	■	■	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	8.3	12
3	A. GRISCHUK	g	2776	½	0	■	½	½	½	1	½	1	8.3	12
4	W. SO	g	2770	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	8.3	12
5	ANISI GIRI	g	2780	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	0	4½	9
6	T. RADJABOV	g	2765	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	4½	9
7	F. CARUANA	g	2820	0	½	½	0	½	■	½	½	½	4½	9
8	B. D. NAKHODIN	g	2760	0	0	0	0	½	½	■	1	½	4	wildcard
9	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2760	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	0	■	3½	1½
10	C. LUPULESCU	g	2656	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	■	3½	wildcard

JERMUK, VI 2021
The Stepan Avagyan Memorial

cat. XV (2602)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	SHA. SARGSYAN	g	2618	■	½	0	½	½	1	½	1	½	5½	1–2
2	MAM. GABRIELIAN	g	2729	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	5½	1–2
3	ARAM HAKOBYAN	g	2598	½	1	0	½	½	0	½	1	½	5	3–5
4	T. K. HARUTYUNYAN	g	2552	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	1	5	3–5
5	TER. HAKOBYAN	g	2629	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	4½	6
6	PARAVYAN	g	2629	0	½	1	½	½	■	0	1	½	4½	6
7	GABUZYAN	g	2590	0	0	½	½	½	1	■	½	½	4	7–8
8	S. SEVIAN	g	2660	0	½	0	½	½	0	½	■	½	4	7–8
9	EL. ANDROSJAN	g	2643	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	3½	9
10	MAM. GHARIBYAN	m	2460	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	1	3	10

BANJA VRUJCI, VI 2021
The 3rd Banja Vrujci

cat. VIII (2433)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. E. Safarli 7½, 2. Stukan 6½, 3. R. Sadhwani 5½, 4–5. Raja Harshit, Pérez Gormaz 5, 6. R. Sturt 3½, 7–9. A. Velikanov, Kotronias, J. Pajeken 3, 10. Sharma Isha 1

PRAHA, VI 2021
The 3rd Prague International Chess Festival
MASTERS

cat. XVIII (2677)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	S. SHANKLAND	g	2691	■	1	½	½	1	½	1	5½	1
2	J.-K. DUBOIS	g	2729	0	■	1	½	½	1	1	5	2
3	R. WOJTASZEK	g	2687	½	0	■	½	1	½	½	4	3
4	NGUYEN THAI DAI VAN	g	2577	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	3½	4–5
5	N. ABASOV	g	2665	0	½	0	½	■	1	½	3½	4–5
6	GRANDELIUS	g	2670	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	2½	6–7
7	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2701	0	0	½	½	½	■	½	2½	6–7
8	D. NAVARA	g	2697	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	1½	8

OPEN
(99 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–2. Ma. Krzyżanowski, Blohberger 7, 3–6. G. Nasuta, Ma. Petr, Greenfeld, V. Plát 6½, 7–15. To. Kraus, Sorm, Petr Neuman (305243), Anas. Pavlidis, Václav Finěk (23718293), Petr Šimek (319260), Christoph Dahl, Colbow, A. Navrotescu 6, etc.

FORNI DI SOPRA, VI 2021
The 12th Dolomiti Open
(57 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–2. Bernadskiy, Luca Moroni jr. 7, 3–5. A. Valsecchi, Pier L. Basso, Dvirnyy 6½, 6–10. A. Gschel, Nils Richter, E. Carlo, Diemar, Re. Schreiner 6, 11–15. G. Tomgren, V. Carnicelli, Fabr. Bellia, Cappelletto, K. Solomon 5½, etc.

LAS VEGAS, VI 2021
The Vegas National Open
(135 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–5. Ar. Guo, Nyzhnyk, A. Hong, E. Córdova, Bruzón Batista 7, 6–12. Aleksey Sorokin (24176460), N. Theodorou, Griffith, Justin Wang (30911370), Gledura, Posthuma, Vibbert 6½, 13–21. Aram Hakobyan (13306677), V. Akopian, H. Niemann, Gareyev, V. Belous, J. Stearman, T. Stremavicius, Ch. Yoo, Al. Shabalov 6, etc.

PARIS, VI 2021
The Grand Chess Tour 2021 – Paris Rapid & Blitz

The Paris Rapid & Blitz is the second stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2021.

Rapid

Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move one.

				1	2	3	5	4	6	7	8	9	10		
1	W. SO	g	2741*	■	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	12	1
2	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	g	2778	½	■	1	0	½	1	½	1	½	½	11	2
3	É. BACROT	g	2667	½	0	■	1	½	0	1	½	1	½	10	3
5	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2960	0	1	0	■	0	½	½	1	½	1	9	4–5
4	SVIDLER	g	2742	½	½	½	1	■	1	0	½	0	½	9	4–5
6	ARONIAN	g	2778	½	0	1	½	0	■	½	½	½	½	8	6–9
7	F. CARUANA	g	2773	0	½	0	½	1	½	■	½	½	½	8	6–9
8	T. RADJABOV	g	2758	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	■	½	1	8	6–9
9	R. RAPPORT	g	2727	0	½	0	½	1	½	½	½	■	½	8	6–9
10	A. FIROUZJA	g	2703	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	■	7	10

* Rapid rating

2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

Blitz

Time Control: 5 minutes + 2 seconds increment from move one.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	W. SO	■	■	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	12 1/2
2	A. FIROUZJA	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
3	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	1/2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 1/2
4	R. RAPPORT	1/2	1/2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 1/2
5	ARONIAN	1	0	1/2	0	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	9 1/2
6	F. CARUANA	1/2	1/2	1	1	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	9
7	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	0	0	1	1/2	0	1	1	1	1	1	9
8	SVIDLER	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	8
9	T. RADJABOV	0	1/2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	6
10	V. KRAMNIK	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	1	5

1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

FINAL COMBINED STANDINGS:

	COMBINED SCORE	GCT POINTS
1 WESLEY SO	24½	13
2 IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI	21½	10
T-3 MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE	18	7.5
T-3 ALIREZA FIROUZJA	18	7.5
T-5 LEVON ARONIAN	17½	5.5
T-5 RICHARD RAPPORT	17½	5.5
T-7 FABIANO CARUANA	17	3.5
T-7 PETER SVIDLER	17	3.5
9 É. BACROT / V. KRAMNIK	15	2
10 TEIMOUR RADJABOV	14	1

PARIS, VI 2021
The 2nd Barreau de Paris GM

cat. X (2481)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. D. Dardha 6½, 2–3. S. Feller, R. Kevlishvili 6, 4–6. S. Fedorchuk, B. Bellahcene, Alb. David 4½, 7. Milliet 4, 8–10. Travadon, Msellek, A. Vlachos 3

PETROVAC, VI 2021
The 11th Mediterranean Championship

(128 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–2. Iv. Šarić, Nde. Saraçi 7½, 3–5. V. Šanal, Zelđić, L. Livić 7, 6–10. Kožul, L. Drašković, Tsolakidou, Miloš Stanković (938190), Aleksandar Kovačević (903124) 6½, 11–19. J. Veiga, Evg. Ioannidis, N. Nikolovski, E. Gurel, L. Budisavljević, P. Laurent-Paoli, A. Šarić, M. Draško, Zaibi 6, etc.

VELIKO GRADIŠTE, VI 2021
The Silver Lake Open

(131 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Nihal Sarin 8, 2–4. R. Sadhwani, Abhim. Puranik, D. Makhnev 7, 5–13. U. Sadikhov, Ter-Sahakyan, Z. Agmanov, Kourkoulos-Arditis, Dr. Bošković, Raja Harshit, N. Sedlak, S. Vetokhin, B. Damljanović 6½, 14–19. Nik. Radovanović, Mil. Perunović, R. Mullick, Ar. Pasti, Balabayeva, Y. Erdogmus 6, etc.

PHILADELPHIA, VI 2021
The 14th Annual Philadelphia International

(79 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–3. V. Belous, H. Niemann, A. Hong 7, 4–5. Andriasian, V. Tsay 6½, 6–11. V. Akopian, E. Córdova, P. Balakrishnan, At. Shetty, Jason Liang, D. Aaron 6, etc.

CHELYABINSK, VI–VII 2021
The South Ural Cup

cat. IX (2454)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. A. Drygalov 6½, 2. S. Drygalov 6, 3–4. K. Stupak, A. Suleymenov 5½, 5–6. A. Gutenev, Al. Maltsevskaya 5, 7. Nikita Maiorov (13501720) 4, 8. Salemgareev 3, 9. Y. Remizov 2½, 10. Harutjunyan 2

MULHOUSE, VI–VII 2021
The Mulhouse GM

cat. X (2485)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Kiril Georgiev (2900017) 6½, 2–3. Prusikin, Kurmann 5, 4–5. Charnushevich, Fy Rakotomaharo 4½, 6–9. Bailet, H. Barseghyan, Terrieux, M. Dann 4, 10. Q. Burri 3½

CHE5524.com, VI-VII 2021 The Meltwater Champions Chess Tour – Goldmoney Asian Rapid

The Tour consists of 10 events (6 Regular, 3 Majors and the Finals). Each tournament will last 9 days (no free days) unless otherwise specified in its announcement. There are prizes for every individual event. The Tour winner will be the winner of the Finals.

The Goldmoney Asian Rapid was the 7th event on the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 4th Regular.

The Preliminaries

The 3-day preliminary stage sees the 16 players play each other once before the bottom 8 are eliminated while the top 8 advance to a knockout consisting of 2-day matches.

Time Control: 15 minutes for all moves + 10 seconds increment per move from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	ARONIAN	g	2778*	■	■	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	10½	
2	VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	½	1	0	½	0	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	10		
3	DING LIREN	g	2836	½	0	½	■	½	0	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	9½		
4	M. CARLSEN	g	2881	0	½	½	■	■	½	0	½	0	1	1	½	1	½	9		
5	W. SO	g	2741	½	1	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	9		
6	J.-K. DUDA	g	2774	½	0	1	½	½	0	■	½	1	½	½	1	0	0	8		
7	ANISH GIRI	g	2731	½	½	½	½	1	½	■	½	1	½	0	1	½	½	8		
8	ERIGAI SI ARJUN	g	2289	0	0	½	½	½	½	■	■	½	1	½	1	½	0	8		
9	A. FIROUZJA	g	2703	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	½	■	½	1	½	1	1	8		
10	S. VIDIT	g	2636	½	½	½	0	½	½	0	½	■	1	0	0	½	1	7		
11	SVIDLER	g	2742	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	0	0	■	½	0	6½		
12	GUKESE D.	g	1977	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	½	1	■	0	6½		
13	DANIIL DUBOV	g	2770	0	½	½	0	½	0	0	0	1	½	1	1	1	■	6		
14	A. R. SALEM	g	2718	½	0	0	0	0	0	1	½	0	1	0	1	0	½	5½		
15	B. ADHIBAN	g	2624	0	0	0	½	0	1	1	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	5		
16	HOU YIFAN	g	2621	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	3½		

For each of the knockout rounds, each matchup plays 2 matches of 4 rapid games on back-to-back days. If either player does not lose either match, he advances to the next round. If each player wins one match, there is a tiebreaker on day 2 consisting of 2 blitz games. If the players split the 2 blitz games, they play an Armageddon match (White has 5 minutes, Black has 4 minutes, draw is a win for Black) to determine who advances. The higher seed in the matchup gets to pick the color for the first game, the color for the first blitz tiebreaker game, and the color for the Armageddon.

Quarter-finals:

Match 1			1	2	3	4		
ARONIAN	g	2778	½	0	1	½	2	
ERIGAI SI ARJUN	g	2289	½	1	0	½	2	
Match 2			1	2	3	4	5***	6***
ERIGAI SI ARJUN	g	2289	½	½	½	½	2	0
ARONIAN	g	2778	½	½	½	½	2	1
Match 1			1	2	3	4		
M. CARLSEN	g	2881	1	0	1	½	2½	
W. SO	g	2741	0	1	0	½	1½	
Match 2			1	2	3	4	5***	6***
W. SO	g	2741	0	½	1	2½	0	½
M. CARLSEN	g	2881	1	½	0	1½	1	½
Match 1			1	2	3	4		
J.-K. DUDA	g	2774	½	½	½	½	2	
DING LIREN	g	2836	½	½	½	½	2	
Match 2			1	2	3	4		
DING LIREN	g	2836	0	1	1	1	3	
J.-K. DUDA	g	2774	1	0	0	0	1	
Match 1			1	2	3			
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	1	1	1		3	
ANISH GIRI	g	2731	0	0	0		0	
Match 2			1	2	3			
ANISH GIRI	g	2731	0	½	½		1	
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	1	½	½		2	

Semi-finals:

Match 1			1	2	3	4		
ARONIAN	g	2778	1	0	½	0	1½	
M. CARLSEN	g	2881	0	1	½	1	2½	
Match 2			1	2	3	4	5***	6***
M. CARLSEN	g	2881	0	½	½	0	1	0
ARONIAN	g	2778	1	½	½	1	3	1
Match 1			1	2	3			
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	½	0	0		½	
DING LIREN	g	2836	½	1	1		2½	
Match 2			1	2	3	4	5***	6***
DING LIREN	g	2836	½	0	1	0	1½	½
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	½	1	0	1	2½	½

The 3rd place playoff:

Match 1			1	2	3	4		
M. CARLSEN	g	2881	1	½	½	½	2½	
DING LIREN	g	2836	0	½	½	½	1½	
Match 2			1	2	3	4	5***	6***
DING LIREN	g	2836	1	1	1	3	0	½
M. CARLSEN	g	2881	0	0	0	0	1	1½

Final:

Match 1			1	2	3	4		
ARONIAN	g	2778	½	½	1	½	2½	
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	½	½	0	½	1½	
Match 2			1	2				
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	0	0		0		
ARONIAN	g	2778	1	1		2		

* Rapid rating; ** Blitz

CHEBOKSARY, VI-VII 2021 The Russian Chess Championships Higher League

Top 5 finishers in each tournament receive the right to play in the 2021 Russian Championships Superfinals.

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

OPEN The 74th Russian Championship Higher League (54 players, 9 rounds)

1. P. Ponkratov* 7, 2—3. Chigaev*, Goryachkina* 6½, 4—8. Ale. Rakhmanov*, Motylev*, Mikhail Al. Antipov, Evgeniy Alekseev, Paravyan 6, 9—13. Sarana, Matlakov, An. Demchenko, Iliushenok, Evgeny Romanov (4148843) 5½, 14—24. Shuvalova, Lysyj, Ru. Makarian, Predke, M. Kobalia, Dreev, Sergey Lobanov, Illya Grigorjev (24159565), S. Pogosyan, Dm. Kokarev, Andrey Tsvetkov (34139360) 5, etc.

* Qualified for the Russian Championship Superfinal

WOMEN The 71st Russian Championship Higher League (50 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. M. Guseva* 8½, 2—4. A. Bodnaruk*, D. Voit*, E. Ovod* 6½, 5. Bivol* 6, 6—17. Charochkina, Nasyrova, D. Belenkaya, Solozhenkina, Goltseva, A. Afonasiyeva, V. Chernyak, Garifullina, T. Getman, D. Dordzhieva, B. Kovanova, Murashova 5½, etc.

* Qualified for the Russian Championship Superfinal

TUAPSE, VI-VII 2021
The Black Sea Grand Prix
(57 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. M. Demidov 7½, 2-4. Nikita Petrov (4101286), B. Grachev, D. Kryakvin 7, 5-6. Vadim Moiseenko (4123700), S. Krivenko 6½, 7-10. V. Nozdrachev, Chernobay, Najdin, Kazmin 6, etc.

PHILADELPHIA, VII 2021
The 49th Annual World Open
(196 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 120 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1-2. H. Niemann, John M. Burke 7½, 3-6. Jef. Xiong, Zhou Jianchao, Aram Hakobyan (1330667), A. Hong 7, 7-14. Nyzhnyk, Gledura, S. Akopian, Andriasian, Ali Marandi, Salinas Herrera, V. Belous, B. Escalante Ramirez 6½, 15-28. Lenderman, Gurev, N. Theodorou, Ghaem Maghami, Ak. Chandra, P. Balakrishnan, C. Repka, At. Shetty, Korley, Fedorowicz, Al. Katz, Jason Wang (30908124), A. Jacobson, E. Tian 6, etc.

Tie-break: H. Niemann — John M. Burke 1 : 0

ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE, VII 2021
The Clarion Congress Hotel GM Tournament

cat. VIII (2440)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Dominik Horváth (1642561) 6, 2-4. Khenkin, Han. Stefánsson, Vlastimil Babula (301264) 5½, 5. To. Kraus 5, 6. J. Pajeken 4½, 7. M. Morgunov 4, 8-9. Colbow, J. Reuker 3½, 10. F. Haring 2

BEOGRAD, VII 2021
The Serbia Chess Open
(289 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Nihal Sarin 7½, 2-10. Man. Petrosyan, Vl. Fedoseev, K. Shevchenko, Bernadskiy, U. Sadikho, Erigaisi Arjun, M. Iskandarov, M. Warmerdam, Aditya Mittal (35042025) 7, 11-23. Aleksej Aleksandrov, Ter-Sahakyan, E. Safarli, V. Asadli, M. Nikitenko, Kourkoulos-Arditis, D. Makhnev, Vuk Damjanović, Abhim. Puranik, A. Pichot, Mil. Perunović, Zanan, N. Nestorović 6½, 24-39. Ig. Kovalenko, A. Indić, V. Pranav (25060783), Ro. Hovhannisyan, V. Šanal, A. Erengberg, J. Eljars, M. Nenezic, Ah. Ahmadzada, I. Caspi, T. Lazov, Annaberdiyev, Nik. Radovanović, D. Kadrić, Blohberger, Ma. Muradli 6, etc.

HELSINGBORG, VII 2021
The Swedish Championship

cat. IX (2473)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Seo Jung Min 6, 2-4. Hillarp Persson, Erik Blomqvist (1709437), Lokander 5½, 5-6. J. Westerberg, P. Cramling 4½, 7. Ax. Smith 4, 8. I. Storme 3½, 9-10. J. Hector, Wiedenkiller 3

BENASQUE, VII 2021
The 40th Benasque Open
(296 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Nisipeanu 9, 2-3. Je. Thybo, Gerge. Kántor 8, 4-12. T. Sosa, F. Peralta, Narciso Dublan, Suárez, Gómez Ledo, Ch. Sochacki, Mihail Marin, Alsina Leal, Aa. Alonso García 7½, 13-23. Korpa, D. Forcén Esteban, Q. Loiseau, Pulvett Marin, Movsziszian, Max. Lagarde, Jor. Fluvia Poyatos, Ubilava, M. Röder, Jul. Song, Acor 7, etc

ZAGREB, VII 2021
The Grand Chess Tour 2021 – Croatia Rapid & Blitz

The Croatia Rapid & Blitz is the third stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2021.

Rapid

Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	g	2791*	■	½	½	½	0	1	½	1	½	11	
2	J.-K. DUDA	g	2774	½	■	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	10	
3	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2831	½	½	■	½	0	1	½	½	1	10	2-5
4	ANISH GIRI	g	2731	½	½	½	½	0	1	½	1	½	10	2-5
5	IV. ŠARIČ	g	2650	1	½	½	1	■	½	½	0	½	10	2-5
6	MAMEDYAROV	g	2761	0	0	1	½	½	½	½	1	9	6-7	
7	VIS. ANAND	g	2751	½	0	1	0	½	½	■	½	1	9	6-7
8	A. GRISCHUK	g	2784	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	8	8
9	A. KOROBOV	g	2781	0	0	½	½	1	½	½	■	1	7	9
10	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2543	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	■	6	10

* Rapid rating

2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

Blitz

Time Control: 5 minutes + 2 seconds increment from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	■	■	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	½	1	1	13
2	VIS. ANAND	½	■	■	0	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	12
3	ANISH GIRI	1	0	1	½	■	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	10½
4	A. GRISCHUK	0	½	½	0	½	1	0	½	1	0	½	1	10
5	J.-K. DUDA	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	0	1	1	0	1	10
6	MAMEDYAROV	0	½	½	½	½	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	10
7	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	0	½	0	½	0	½	1	0	0	1	½	1	9
8	A. KOROBOV	½	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	■	■	1	1	8½
9	J. VAN FOREEST	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	0	■	1	4½
10	GA. KASPAROV	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	1	2½

1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

FINAL COMBINED STANDINGS:

		COMBINED SCORE	GCT POINTS
1	MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE	23	13
2	VISWANTHAN ANAND	21	10
3	ANISH GIRI	20½	8
T-4	IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI	20	6.5
T-4	JAN KRZYSZTOF DUDA	20	6.5
6	SILKIRIYAR MAMEDYAROV	19	5
7	ALEXANDER GRISCHUK	18	4
8	ANTON KOROBOV	15½	3
9	GARRY KASPAROV / IVAN ŠARIČ	12½	2
10	JORDEN VAN FOREEST	10½	1

PARACIN, VII 2021
The 14th Paracin Sports Summer
(181 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Ma. Muradli 7½, 2-4. Erigaisi Arjun, Annaberdiyev, M. Iskandarov 7, 5-15. Man. Petrosyan, E. Postny, R. Sturt, Mam. Gharibyan, Aleksej Aleksandrov, V. Pranav (25060783), Ah. Ahmadzada, As. Aitbayev, Da. Gavrilescu, Aditya Mittal (35042025), Abhim. Puranik 6½, 16-26. L. Yankelevich, Bryakin, Ter-Sahakyan, Sankalp Gupta (5097010), Anna M. Sargsyan, M. Nikitenko, E. Safarli, Zarubitski, Raja Harshit, S. Bhambure, Dolgun 6, etc.

WARSAWA, VII 2021
The 20th Warsaw Najdorf Chess Festival group A
(174 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. J. Tomczak 7½, 2-5. Ch. Noe, Alexa. Donchenko, P. Mickiewicz, Gumularz 7, 6-15. K. Dragun, Rozentalis, Kosakowski, B. Niedbala, Da. Lewtak, Czopor, Chatalbashev, Deszczyński, Al. Kaczmarek, Alexander Suvorov (12977063) 6½, etc.

DORTMUND, VII 2021
The 48th Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Trophy

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

NC World Masters

			1	2	3	4		
	VIS. ANAND	g	2753	1	½	½	½	2½
	V. KRAMNIK	g	2753	0	½	½	½	1½

Deutschland Grand Prix

cat. XVI (2628)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	ELJANOV	g	2671	■	0	½	1	½	½	1	1	0	6	1
2	D. KOLLARS	g	2607	1	■	½	1	½	½	0	1	1	5½	2-3
3	D. FRIDMAN	g	2608	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	1	1	5	4
4	V. KRYMER	g	2591	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	4½	5-6
5	GEO. MEIER	g	2628	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	4½	5-6
6	R. PONOMAREV	g	2631	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4½	5-6
7	C. KAMSKY	g	2635	½	½	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	4	7-8
8	KASIMDZHANOV	g	2662	0	1	½	0	½	½	½	■	½	4	7-8
9	AN. HEIMANN	g	2599	0	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	0	3½	9-10
10	MAT. BARTEL	g	2626	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	1	■	3	9-10

SAINT LOUIS, VII 2021

The U.S. Junior and Senior Championships

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

U.S. Junior Championship

cat. X (2492)

1. H. Niemann 6, 2–6. John M. Burke, N. Checa, B. Jacobson, D. Brodsky, P. Balakrishnan 5½, 7. Ch. Yoo 4, 8–9. Justin Wang (30911370), A. Hong 3, 10. Ben Li 1½

U.S. Senior Championship

cat. X (2494)

1–2. Kaidanov, Larry Christiansen 6½, 3–4. Yermolinsky, A. Fishbein 5½, 5. Igor Novikov 5, 6. Tarjan 4½, 7. Jo. Benjamin 4, 8–9. Al. Shabalov, Sokolin 3, 10. Khachiyan 1½

WARSAWA, VII 2021

The Warsaw Chess Open

(70 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Pultinevičius 8, 2. Laurušas 7½, 3–5. I. Janik, Teclaf, F. Sonis 6½, 6–11. Chatalbashev, Rozentalis, Heberla, Malicka, Fargač, P. Chylewski 6, etc.

WIEN, VII 2021

The Vienna GM tournament

cat. IX (2451)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–2. Žilka, Blohberger 6½, 3. Diermair 6, 4. Boj. Maksimović 5, 5–6. F. Schwabeneder, V. Gažik 4½, 7–8. Sa. Sahidi, M. Morgunov 4, 9. I. Balinov 2½, 10. Kokol 1½

PALEOCHORA, VII 2021

The 14th Paleochora Open

(309 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–4. Solodovnichenko, N. Theodorou, Gumularz, H. Banikas 7½, 5–12. Kelires, Pier L. Basso, Alexandr Kharitonov, I. Bulmaga, And. Rychagov, Evg. Ioannidis, Alsina Leal, J. Haug 7, 13–29. Le. Mendonca, S. Mazé, E. Postny, J.-S. Christiansen, Dimitris Alexakis, I. Enchev, Fy Rakotomaharo, L. van Foreest, N. Spyropoulos, Haldorsen, Alb. David, Markidis, Gl. Dudin, Ioannis Kalogeris (4239563), L. Yankelevich, K. Anagnostopoulos, Kourkoulos-Arditis 6½, etc.

MAGDEBURG, VII 2021

The German Masters

cat. XIV (2590)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
1	L. ENGEL	g	2543	■	1	1	½	+	0	1	½	½	1	6½	1
2	R. SVANE	g	2615	0	■	½	½	1	½	½	0	1	1	5	2—4
3	GEO. MEIER	g	2628	0	½	■	½	0	½	½	1	1	1	5	2—4
4	AN. HEIMANN	g	2599	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	½	½	5	2—4
5	D. KOLLARS	g	2607	—	0	1	½	■	½	½	1	½	½	4½	5—7
6	D. FRIDMAN	g	2608	1	½	½	½	½	■	½	0	½	½	4½	5—7
7	M. BLÜBAUM	g	2669	0	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	1	½	4½	5—7
8	AL. GRAF	g	2569	½	1	0	0	0	1	½	■	½	0	3½	8—9
9	ASH. PARVANYAN	m	2451	½	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	■	1	3½	8—9
10	ARIK BRAUN	g	2609	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	1	0	■	3	10

KRASNAYA POLYANA, VII–VIII 2021

The FIDE World Cup

Time Control:

Games 1 & 2: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Games 3 & 4 (rapid): 25 minutes for each player + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

Games 5 & 6 (rapid): 10 minutes for each player + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

Games 7 & 8 (blitz): 5 minutes for each player + 3 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

If the score is still level after the matches, the players shall play a single decisive sudden death game. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the color. The player with the white pieces shall receive 5 minutes, the opponent with the black pieces shall receive 4 minutes whereupon, after the 60th move, both players shall receive an increment of 2 seconds for each move from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

THE 9th WORLD CUP
(206 Players, 8 rounds)

- Knock-out tournament, eight rounds.
- Round 1: 156 players
Round 2: (78 winners of Round 1 + 50 top seeds): 128 players
Round 3: 64 players
Round 4: 32 players
Round 5: 16 players
Round 6: 8 players
Round 7: 4 players
Round 8: Final and match for 3rd place

Round 1:

Sjgirovi – Prudente 2 : 0, **Adhiban** – C. Chipanga 2 : 0, **S. Sevia** – Sum. Subramaniam 2 : 0, **C. Lupulescu** – Allen Fan 2 : 0, **G. Oparin** – Ran. Liyanage 2 : 0, **Kuzubov** – Antoine Kassiss 2 : 0, **J. Cori Tello** – Alis. Karimov 1½ : ½, **Alex. Onischuk** – Akar Salih 2 : 0, **H. Martirosyan** – Mwali 3 : 1, **Iv. Šarić** – S. Miguel 2 : 0, **Aravindh** – Concio jr. 2 : 0, **Sarana** – Ajibola 2 : 0, **Motylev** – Elarabi 2 : 0, **A. Tari** – D. Barrish 2 : 0, **Bareev** – D. Quizon 1½ : ½, **Jumabayev** – Eiti 2 : 0, **Vladis. Kovalev** – Makoto 2 : 0, **Abdusattorov** – Ervan 2 : 0, **A. Pichot** – S. Minero Pineda 2 : 0, **Mus. En. Yilmaz** – Noa. Omar 1½ : ½, **Paravyan** – Tissir 2 : 0, **S. Mareco** – Sami Khader 2 : 0, **P. Ponkratov** – And. Sousa 1½ : ½, **B.-D. Deac** – Zaibi 2 : 0, **Ah. Adly** – **Abde. Hesham** 1½ : 2½, **B. Bok** – Abdyjapar 3 : 1, **Delgado Ramírez** – N. Murshed 5 : 3, **Nihal Sarin** – Ssegwany 1½ : ½, **Zherebukh** – Evg. Ioannidis 1½ : ½, **Shant Sargsyan** – Martínez Reyes 2 : 0, **D. Vocaturo** – S. Gan-Erdene 1½ : ½, **R. Svane** – El Gindy 2 : 0, **V. Erdős** – S. Atabayev 2 : 0, **Akobian** – Valderrama Quiceno 2½ : 1½, **Idani** – Ziaur Rahman 2 : 0, **Moha. Tabatabaei** – Al Qudaimi 2½ : 1½, **Arik Braun** – Juksta 1½ : ½, **Zvjaginsev** – **R. Haria** 1 : 3, **Piorun** – R. Makaria 1½ : ½, **Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu** – Bersamina 1½ : ½, **A. Indić** – L. Drašković 2 : 0, **C. Henríquez Villagra** – Goh Wei Ming Kevin 2 : 0, **Durarbayli** – D. Sklyarov 1½ : ½, **Gareyev** – Tin Jingyao 4 : 2, **I. Ivanišević** – Rodríguez Vila 2 : 0, **Evgeny Alekseev** – Ad. Fawzy 2½ : 1½, **Hj. Grétarsson** – K. Stupak 2½ : 1½, **Ba. Jobava** – Ab. Mishra 1½ : ½, **Axel Bachmann** – K. Shubin 1½ : ½, **N. Yakubboev** – Ra. Preotu 1½ : ½, **Ki. Georgiev** – A. Dgebuadze 1½ : ½, **Ante Brkić** – S. Barrientos 2 : 0, **Krasenkow** – Šebenik 1½ : ½, **M.-E. Párlig** – J. Druska ½ : 1½, **Gabuzyan** – B. Bellahcene 3 : 1, **V. Iordăchescu** – Vo. Murzin 2½ : 3½, **D. Kadrić** – Batsuren 1½ : ½, **Se. Bogner** – **P. Inian** ½ : 1½, **V. Mikhalevski** – Wynn Zaw Htun 2 : 0, **V. Ivić** – Hungaski 1½ : ½, **Mads Andersen** – **Salinas Herrera** ½ : 1½, **Gukesh D.** – Teclaf 2½ : 1½, **Nguyen Thai Dai Van** – Ádám Kozák 1½ : ½, **Albornoz Cabrera** – **V. Plát** ½ : 1½, **E. Can** – Dar. Lima 2 : 0, **A. Fier** – Je. Pecháč 3½ : 2½, **Meškova** – **Gu. Vázquez** ½ : 1½, **Ya. Quesada Pérez** – Krysa 1½ : ½, **Luka Paichadze** – **S. Vokhidov** 0 : 2, **L. Pantiulaia** – **J. Vakhidov** ½ : 1½, **J. Sindarov** – Andrew Tang 1½ : ½, **Moradiabadi** – H. Ziska 2 : 0, **Mekhtarian** – González Zamora 2½ : 1½, **Pérez Ponsa** – Mo. Nikolov 3½ : 2½, **B. Savchenko** – Nikita Afanasiev 2½ : 1½, **Bo. Cheng** – V. Šanal 3 : 1, **Megaranto** – Ghaem Maghami 2½ : 1½, **Saša Martinović** – Kulaots 1½ : ½

Round 2:

M. Carlsen – Saša Martinović 2 : 0, **F. Caruana** – Megaranto 2 : 0, **Aronian** – **Bo. Cheng** 0 : 2, **Anish Giri** – B. Savchenko 2 : 0, **A. Grischuk** – Pérez Ponsa 1½ : ½, **Mamedyarov** – Mekhitarian 3 : 1, **Vachier-Lagrave** – Moradiabadi 1½ : ½, **A. Firouzja** – **J. Sindarov** 2½ : 3½, **L. Domínguez Pérez** – **J. Vakhidov** 1 : 3, **Sergey Karjakin** – S. Vokhidov 2 : 0, **P. Harikrishna** – Ya. Quesada Pérez 1½ : ½, **J.-K. Duda** – Gu. Vázquez 1½ : ½, **S. Vidit** – A. Fier 2½ : 1½, **Andreikin** – E. Can 1½ : ½, **Vitiugov** – V. Plát 1½ : ½, **An. Esipenko** – Nguyen Thai Dai Van 2½ : 1½, **Daniil Dubov** – Gukesh D. 2½ : 1½, **Svidler** – Salinas Herrera 1½ : ½, **Vallejo Pons** – **V. Ivić** ½ : 1½, **Jef. Xiong** – V. Mikhalevski 1½ : ½, **Tomashevsky** – P. Inian 2 : 0, **Yu Yangyi** – D. Kadrić 2 : 0, **V. Artemiev** – Vo. Murzin 2½ : 1½, **B. Amin** – Gabuzyan 1½ : ½, **J. van Foreest** – J. Druska 1½ : ½, **K. Alekseenko** – **Krasenkow** ½ : 1½, **Y. Kryvoruchko** – **Ante Brkić** ½ : 1½, **P. Maghsoodloo** – **Ki. Georgiev** 1½ : 2½, **D. Navara** – N. Yakubboev 1½ : ½, **VI. Fedoseev** – Axel Bachmann 2 : 0, **S. Shankland** – Ba. Jobava 1½ : ½, **Matlakov** – Hj. Grétarsson 1½ : ½, **R. Wojtaszek** – Evgeny Alekseev 1½ : ½, **A. Areshchenko** – I. Ivanišević 1½ : ½, **D. Jakovenko** – **Gareyev** 1½ : 2½, **Predke** – **Durarbayli** 1 : 3, **A. Korobov** – C. Henríquez Villagra 1½ : ½, **A. R. Salem** – A. Indić 3 : 1, **Sargissian** – **Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu** 0 : 2, **M. Ragger** – **Piorun** ½ : 1½, **É. Bacrot** – R. Haria 2½ : 1½, **B. Gelfand** – Arik Braun 1½ : ½, **F. Berkes** – **Moha. Tabatabaei** 1½ : 2½, **Antón Guijarro** – **Idani** ½ : 1½, **Grandelius** – Akobian 2½ : 1½, **M. Blübaum** – V. Erdős 2½ : 1½, **I. Cheparinov** – R. Svane 5 : 4, **V. Malakhov** – D. Vocaturo 1½ : ½, **N. Abasov** – Shant Sargsyan 2½ : 1½, **Shiroy** – Zherebukh 4 : 2, **Sjgirovi** – **Nihal Sarin** ½ : 1½, **Adhiban** – Delgado Ramírez 2 : 0, **S. Sevia** – B. Bok 4 : 2, **C. Lupulescu** – Abde. Hesham 2 : 0, **C. Oparin** – B.-D. Deac 2½ : 1½, **Kuzubov** – **P. Ponkratov** ½ : 1½, **J. Cori Tello** – S. Mareco 3½ : 2½, **Alex. Onischuk** – **Paravyan** 0 : 2, **H. Martirosyan** – Mus. En. Yilmaz 1½ : ½, **Iv. Šarić** – **A. Pichot** ½ : 1½, **Aravindh** – **Abdusattorov** ½ : 1½, **Sarana** – **Vladis. Kovalev** 2½ : 3½, **Motylev** – **Jumabayev** ½ : 1½, **A. Tari** – Bareev 1½ : ½

Round 3:

M. Carlsen – A. Tari 2 : 0, **F. Caruana** – **Jumabayev** ½ : 1½, **Bo. Cheng** – **Vladis. Kovalev** ½ : 1½, **Anish Giri** – **Abdusattorov** 1 : 3, **A. Grischuk** – A. Pichot 1½ : ½, **Mamedyarov** – **H. Martirosyan** 1½ : 2½, **Vachier-Lagrave** – Paravyan 5 : 4, **J. Sindarov** – J. Cori Tello 1½ : ½, **J. Vakhidov** – **P. Ponkratov** 1 : 3, **Sergey Karjakin** – G. Oparin 1½ : ½, **P. Harikrishna** – C. Lupulescu 1½ : ½, **J.-K. Duda** – S. Sevia 1½ : ½, **S. Vidit** – Adhiban 4½ : 3½, **Andreikin** – Nihal Sarin 1½ : ½, **Vitiugov** – Shiroy 1½ : ½, **An. Esipenko** – N. Abasov 1½ : ½, **Daniil Dubov** – Vladimir Malakhov 1½ : ½, **Svidler** – I. Cheparinov 2½ : 1½, **V. Ivić** – M. Blübaum 1½ : ½, **Jef. Xiong** – Grandelius 2½ : 1½, **Tomashevsky** – **Idani** 1½ : 2½, **Yu Yangyi** – **Moha. Tabatabaei** ½ : 1½, **V. Artemiev** – B. Gelfand 3 : 1, **B. Amin** – **É. Bacrot** 1½ : 2½, **J. van Foreest** – **Piorun** ½ : 1½, **Krasenkow** – **Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu** 1 : 3, **Ante Brkić** – A. R. Salem 2 : 0, **Ki. Georgiev** – **A. Korobov** ½ : 1½, **D. Navara** – **Durarbayli** ½ : 1½, **VI. Fedoseev** – Gareyev 1½ : ½, **S. Shankland** – A. Areshchenko 2½ : 1½, **Matlakov** – **R. Wojtaszek** 1 : 3

Round 4:

M. Carlsen – R. Wojtaszek 2½ : 1½, **Jumabayev** – **S. Shankland** ½ : 1½, **Vladis. Kovalev** – **VI. Fedoseev** 0 : 2, **Abdusattorov** – **Durarbayli** 2 : 4, **A. Grischuk** – A. Korobov 2½ : 1½, **H. Martirosyan** – Ante Brkić 1½ : ½, **Vachier-Lagrave** – Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu 1½ : ½, **J. Sindarov** – **Piorun** ½ : 1½, **P. Ponkratov** – **É. Bacrot** 1½ : 2½, **Sergey Karjakin** – V. Artemiev 3½ : 2½, **P. Harikrishna** – **Moha. Tabatabaei** ½ : 1½, **J.-K. Duda** – Idani 1½ : ½, **S. Vidit** – Jef. Xiong 2 : 0, **Andreikin** – **V. Ivić** 1 : 3, **Vitiugov** – **Svidler** 1½ : 2½, **An. Esipenko** – Daniil Dubov 3½ : 2½

Round 5:

M. Carlsen – An. Esipenko 5 : 3, **S. Shankland** – Svidler 1½ : ½, **VI. Fedoseev** – V. Ivić 3 : 1, **Durarbayli** – **S. Vidit** ½ : 1½, **A. Grischuk** – **J.-K. Duda** 1½ : 2½, **H. Martirosyan** – **Moha. Tabatabaei** 1½ : 2½, **Vachier-Lagrave** – **Sergey Karjakin** 2½ : 3½, **Piorun** – **É. Bacrot** 2 : 4

Round 6 (Quarter-finals):

M. Carlsen – É. Bacrot 2 : 0, **S. Shankland** – **Sergey Karjakin** 2 : 4, **VI. Fedoseev** – **Moha. Tabatabaei** 1½ : ½, **S. Vidit** – **J.-K. Duda** ½ : 1½

Round 7 (Semi-finals):

		1	2	3	4	
M. CARLSEN	g 2847	½	½	½	0	1½
J.-K. DUDA	g 2738	½	½	½	1	2½
			1	2		
VL. FEDOSEEV	g 2696	½	0		½	
SERGEY KARJAKIN	g 2757	½	1		1½	

The 3rd place playoff:

		1	2	
VL. FEDOSEEV	g 2696	0	0	0
M. CARLSEN	g 2847	1	1	2

Final:

		1	2	
SERGEY KARJAKIN	g 2757	½	0	½
J.-K. DUDA	g 2738	½	1	1½

The two finalists qualified for the Candidates Tournament 2022. The rest of the final eight, except for World Champion Magnus Carlsen, qualified for the FIDE Grand Prix 2022.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD CUP
(103 Players, 7 rounds)

The tournament formed part of the qualification for the Women's World Chess Championship 2022. The top three finishers, other than Women's World Chess Champion Ju Wenjun and players who have otherwise qualified, qualified for the Women's Candidates Tournament 2022.

Knock-out tournament, seven rounds.

- Round 1: 78 players
- Round 2: (39 winners of Round 1 + 25 top seeds) 64 players
- Round 3: 32 players
- Round 4: 16 players
- Round 5: 8 players
- Round 6: 4 players
- Round 7: Final and match for 3rd place

Round 1:

M. Sebag — Drastik 1½ : ½, Gunina — February 1½ : ½, C. Yip — S. Sultana 2 : 0, E. Atalik — Ortiz Verdezo 2 : 0, Ushenina — Ay. Moataz 2½ : 1½, Munguntuul — Omonova 1½ : ½, A. Matnadze — Puteri M. Azhar 1½ : ½, Badelka — Ovezdurdyeva 2 : 0, Osmak — A. Mezioud 1½ : ½, Cyfka — Sv. Demchenko 3½ : 2½, Pa. Guichard — T. Varela La Madrid 2½ : 1½, N. Buksa — S. Latreche 2½ : 1½, Sukandar — J. Gómez Barrera 1½ : ½, Al. Skripchenko — Sha. Wafa 4 : 2, E. Danielian — Ga. Vargas 2 : 0, Hoang Thanh Trang — Frayna 2½ : 1½, L. Unuk — Shr. Wafa 2 : 0, J. Zawadzka — Alboredo 1½ : ½, Garifullina — Z. Corrales Jiménez 2 : 0, N. Salimova — Aliaga Fernández 2½ : 1½, M. Soćko — Castrillón Gómez 1½ : ½, Vaishali R. — Zhou Qiyou 2 : 0, Kulikarni Bhakti — Paramzina 2 : 0, Al. Maltsevskaya — Ouellet 1½ : ½, B. Assaubayeva — Miranda Llanes 1½ : ½, D. Cori Tello — Yakubbaeva 1½ : ½, Guln. Mammadova — Mai Narva 4½ : 3½, M. Brunello — T. Munkhzul 0 : 2, Tsolakidou — Ryjanova 1½ : ½, R. Padmini — Fataliyeva 2 : 0, Ordaz Valdés — T. Mamedjarova 1½ : ½, K. Kulon — Jen. Yu. 1 : 3, Yildiz Kadioglu — N. Alinasab 1½ : ½, M. Aulia — Jana Schneider 2 : 0, Peng Zhaoqin — A. Afonasyeva 2 : 0, T. Abrahamyan — Radeva 2 : 0, I. Gaponenko — J. Majdan 1½ : ½, T. Injac — D. Belenkaya 2 : 0, C. Lujan — Tokhirjonova ½ : 1½

Round 2:

Goryachkina — Tokhirjonova 2 : 0, Lagno — T. Injac 1½ : ½, M. Muzychuk — I. Gaponenko 1½ : ½, A. Muzychuk — T. Abrahamyan 2 : 0, Dzagnidze — Peng Zhaoqin 2 : 0, D. Harika — M. Aulia 2 : 0, Tan Zhongyi — Yildiz Kadioglu 1½ : ½, Saduakassova — Jen. Yu. 2 : 0, Kashlinskaya — Ordaz Valdés 1½ : ½, Khademalsharieh — R. Padmini 3 : 1, Batsiashvili — Tsolakidou 1½ : ½, Shuvalova — T. Munkhzul 2 : 0, L. Javakhishvili — Guln. Mammadova 1 : 3, A. Kosteniuk — D. Cori Tello 2 : 0, Abdulmalik — B. Assaubayeva 1½ : 2½, A. Stefanova — Al. Maltsevskaya 1½ : ½, Pogonina — Kulikarni Bhakti 1½ : ½, Khotenashvili — Vaishali R. 2 : 0, P. Cramling — M. Soćko 3½ : 2½, E. Pähtz — N. Salimova 4½ : 3½, O. Girya — Garifullina ½ : 1½, A. Bodnaruk — J. Zawadzka 0 : 2, Gun. Mammadzada — L. Unuk 1½ : ½, Galliamova — Hoang Thanh Trang 1½ : ½, I. Bulmaga — E. Danielian 0 : 2, M. Sebag — Al. Skripchenko 3½ : 2½, Gunina — Sukandar 2 : 0, C. Yip — N. Buksa 3 : 1, E. Atalik — Pa. Guichard ½ : 1½, Ushenina — Cyfka 1½ : ½, Munguntuul — Osmak 2 : 0, A. Matnadze — Badelka 4 : 5

Round 3:

Goryachkina — Badelka 1½ : ½, Lagno — Munguntuul 1½ : ½, M. Muzychuk — Ushenina 4½ : 3½, A. Muzychuk — Pa. Guichard 1½ : ½, Dzagnidze — C. Yip 3 : 1, D. Harika — Gunina ½ : 1½, Tan Zhongyi — M. Sebag 2 : 0, Saduakassova — E. Danielian 1½ : ½, Kashlinskaya — Galliamova 1½ : ½, Khademalsharieh — Gun. Mammadzada 1½ : ½, Batsiashvili — J. Zawadzka 2 : 0, Shuvalova — Garifullina 3½ : 2½, Guln. Mammadova — E. Pähtz ½ : 1½, A. Kosteniuk — P. Cramling 1½ : ½, B. Assaubayeva — Khotenashvili 4 : 2, A. Stefanova — Pogonina 1½ : ½

Round 4:

Goryachkina — A. Stefanova 3 : 1, Lagno — B. Assaubayeva 2½ : 1½, M. Muzychuk — A. Kosteniuk ½ : 1½, A. Muzychuk — E. Pähtz 1½ : ½, Dzagnidze — Shuvalova 3½ : 2½, Gunina — Batsiashvili 1½ : ½, Tan Zhongyi — Khademalsharieh 1½ : ½, Saduakassova — Kashlinskaya 4 : 2

Round 5 (Quarter-finals):

Goryachkina — Saduakassova 1½ : ½, Lagno — Tan Zhongyi ½ : 1½, A. Kosteniuk — Gunina 2 : 0, A. Muzychuk — Dzagnidze 3 : 1

Round 6 (Semi-finals):

			1	2
A. MUZYCHUK	g	2550	½	0
GORYACHKINA	g	2596	½	1
			1	2
TAN ZHONGYI	g	2511	½	0
A. KOSTENIUK	g	2472	½	1

Match for the 3rd place:

			1	2	3	4	
TAN ZHONGYI	g	2511	½	½	0	½	2½
A. MUZYCHUK	g	2550	½	½	1	½	1½

Final:

			1	2	
GORYACHKINA	g	2596	0	½	½
A. KOSTENIUK	g	2472	1	½	1½

BIEL, VII–VIII 2021
The 54th Biel Chess Festival
ACCENTUS Chess960 Tournament

Time Control: 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move.

1. K. Alekseenko 4½, 2–4. Max. Lagarde, B. Gelfand, G. Kamsky 4, 5. V. Keymer 3½, 6–7. Nihal Sarin, A. Pichot 3, 8. N. Studer 2

GRANDMASTER TRIATHLON

Classical

cat. XVI (2638)

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves, then 15 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30-second increment starting from move one.

			1	3	2	4	5	6	7	8		
1 G. KAMSKY	g	2658	■	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	18	1
3 B. GELFAND	g	2675	½	■	0	1	0	0	½	1	15	2
2 K. ALEKSEENKO	g	2699	½	1	½	0	½	1	1	½	14	3
4 V. KEYMER	g	2591	0	0	½	■	½	1	½	1	12½	4
5 MAX. LAGARDE	g	2648	½	0	1	½	■	½	½	0	10	5–6
6 A. PICHOT	g	2630	0	1	½	0	½	■	½	½	10	5–6
7 NIHAL SARIN	g	2620	½	½	0	½	½	½	■	½	9	7
8 N. STUDER	g	2581	0	0	½	0	1	½	½	■	8½	8

4 points for a win, 1½ points for a draw.

Rapid

Time Control: 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1 G. KAMSKY	g	2701*	■	½	1	1	0	1	1	1	11	1
2 NIHAL SARIN	g	2418	½	■	0	1	1	½	1	0	10	2
3 MAX. LAGARDE	g	2684	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	9	3
4 K. ALEKSEENKO	g	2474	0	0	0	■	1	1	1	1	8	4
5 V. KEYMER	g	2543	1	0	0	0	■	1	0	1	6	5
6 A. PICHOT	g	2533	0	½	0	0	0	■	1	1	5	6
7 B. GELFAND	g	2702	0	0	0	0	1	0	■	1	4	7
8 N. STUDER	g	2431	0	1	½	0	0	0	0	■	3	8

* Rapid rating; 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw.

Blitz

Time Control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1 NIHAL SARIN	g	2658**	■	0 ½	1 ½	1 0	0 1	1 1	½ 1	1 1	9½	1
2 K. ALEKSEENKO	g	2580	1 ½	■ ½	0 ½	1 0	1 1	1 0	½ 1	1 1	9	2
3 MAX. LAGARDE	g	2630	0 ½	½	1	0 1	0 1	1 0	1 ½	0 1	7	3–5
4 V. KEYMER	g	2474	0 1	0 1	½ 0	1 ½	0 ½	1 1	½ ½	1 0	7	3–5
5 B. GELFAND	g	2691	1 0	0 0	1 0	1 ½	■	1 0	½ 0	1 1	6	7
6 A. PICHOT	g	2622	0 0	0 1	1 ½	0 0	0 1	■	1 0	1 1	6½	6
7 G. KAMSKY	g	2644	½ 0	½ ½	0 1	½ ½	½ 1	0 1	■	0 0	6	7
8 N. STUDER	g	2451	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	1 1	■	4	8

** Blitz rating; 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw.

OVERALL RANKING

		Games	Classical	Rapid	Blitz	Total
1	Gata KAMSKY	28	18	11	6	35
2	Kirill ALEKSEENKO	28	14	8	9	31
3	Nihal SARIN	28	9	10	9½	28½
T=4	Boris GELFAND	28	15	4	7	26
T=4	Maxime LAGARDE	28	10	9	7	26
6	Vincent KEYMER	28	12½	5	7	25½
7	Alan PICHOT	28	10	6	6½	21½
8	Noel STUDER	28	8½	3	4	15½

PARDUBICE, VII–VIII 2021
The 32nd Czech Open Group A
(149 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–4. Zwardoń, Vlastimil Babula (301264), R. Mládek, Czerw 7, 5–7. Jiří Štoček (304760), L. Livač, Petr Neuman (305243) 6½, 8–23. Anas, Pavlidis, V. Plát, Nisipeanu, Rov. Vogel, M. Bagi, B. Niedbala, Rabatin, L. Butkiewicz, M. Vokáč, Ch. Noc, M. Dann, Shpanko, Mari. Jurčík, Ba. Jobava, D. Kožúšek, Fi. Olsen 6, etc.

CHESS24.com, VII–VIII 2021
The Meltwater Champions Chess Tour – Chessable Masters

The Chessable Masters was the 8th event on the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 5th Regular.

The Preliminaries

The 3-day preliminary stage sees the 16 players play each other once before the bottom 8 are eliminated while the top 8 advance to a knockout consisting of 2-day matches.

Time Control: 15 minutes for all moves + 10 seconds increment per move from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	W. SO	g	2774*	■	1	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	11
2	ARONIAN	g	2761	0	■	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10½	
3	A. FIROUZJA	g	2696	½	½	■	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	0	1	1	1	10½	
4	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2829	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	10½	
5	VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757	0	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	1	0	1	1	½	1	9½	
6	LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744	½	½	½	0	½	½	■	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	9	
7	MAMEDYAROV	g	2761	½	½	½	½	½	0	■	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	9	
8	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2543	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	■	0	½	0	½	1	1	½	8½	
9	ADHIBAN	g	2624	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	■	0	1	½	1	½	1	7	
10	ITURRIZAGA BONELLI	g	2647	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	■	½	1	½	1	1	6½	
11	A. TAL	g	2831	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	■	½	0	1	1	6	
12	P. HARIKRISHNA	g	2705	½	0	1	0	0	½	½	0	½	0	1	½	0	1	0	1	
13	ANTON GUIJARRO	g	2674	0	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	1	1	■	0	1	1	
14	JU WENJUN	g	2610	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	1	0	1	1	5	
15	AB. MISHRA	g		0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	1	2½	
16	H. KONERU	g	2483	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	■	2	

For each of the knockout rounds, each matchup plays 2 matches of 4 rapid games on back-to-back days. If either player does not lose either match, he advances to the next round. If each player wins one match, there is a tiebreaker on day 2 consisting of 2 blitz games. If the players split the 2 blitz games, they play an Armageddon match (White has 5 minutes, Black has 4 minutes, draw is a win for Black) to determine who advances. The higher seed in the matchup gets to pick the color for the first game, the color for the first blitz tiebreaker game, and the color for the Armageddon.

Quarter-finals:

Match 1				1	2	3	4	
W. SO	g	2774	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$		2
J. VAN FOREEST	g	2543	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		2

Match 2				1	2	3			
J. VAN FOREEST	g	2543		0	1	½		½	
W. SO	g	2774		1	0	½		2½	

Match 1				1	2	3	4		
HI. NAKAMURA	g	2829		½	½	½	½		2
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757		½	½	½	½		2

Match 2				1	2	3	4	5***	6***	7***	
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757		1	0	½	½	2	1	0	1
HI. NAKAMURA	g	2829		0	1	½	½	2	0	1	2

Match 1				1	2	3	4		
A. FIROUZJA	g	2696		½	0	½	0		1
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744		½	1	½	1		3

Match 2				1	2				
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744		1	0		2	0	
A. FIROUZJA	g	2696		0	1		0		

Match 1				1	2	3			
ARONIAN	g	2761		½	1	1		2½	
MAMEDYAROV	g	2761		½	0	1		½	

Match 2				1	2	3			
MAMEDYAROV	g	2761		0	1	0		1	
ARONIAN	g	2761		1	0	1		2	

Semi-finals:

Match 1				1	2	3	4		
W. SO	g	2774		½	½	1	½		2½
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757		½	½	0	½		1½

Match 2				1	2	3	4		
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757		1	0	½	½		2
W. SO	g	2774		0	1	½	½		2

Match 1				1	2	3	4		
ARONIAN	g	2761		½	0	½	0		1
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744		½	1	½	1		3

Match 2				1	2	3	4	5***	6***	7***	
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744		½	1	0	0	1½	½	½	1
ARONIAN	g	2761		½	0	1	1	2½	½	½	0

The 3rd place playoff:

Match 1				1	2	3	4		
ARONIAN	g	2761		1	½	½	0		2
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757		0	½	½	1		2

Match 2				1	2	3			
VLADIS. ARTEMIEV	g	2757		½	1	1		2½	
ARONIAN	g	2761		½	0	0		½	

Final:

Match 1				1	2	3			
W. SO	g	2774		1	½	1		2½	
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744		0	½	0		½	

Match 2				1	2	3	4		
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744		1	½	0	½		2
W. SO	g	2774		0	½	1	½		2

* Rapid rating
 ** Blitz
 *** Armageddon

SUWALKI, VII–VIII 2021
The 5th Irena Warakomska Memorial
(79 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1–3. Pultinevičius, Chatalbashev, G. Nasuta 7, 4–6. B. Soćko, Laurušas, Rozentalis 6½, 7–12. Kr. Jakubowski, Da. Lewtak, K. Łukasiewicz, Licznarski, M. Szpar, Hnydiuk 6, 13–18. Kosakowski, P. Gohueh, I. Janik, J. Tomeczak, Klimkowski, M. Soćko 5½, etc.

CHERRY HILL, VII–VIII 2021
The 121st US Open
(515 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Lenderman 8½, 2. H. Niemann 8, 3–9. Nyzhnyk, Gledura, Gareyev, Akobian, John M. Burke, Schmakiel, D. Gorman 7½, 10–18. Bruzón Batista, Aw. Liang, E. Córdova, Aleksey Sorokin (2417646), Matviishen, Al. Katz, A. Jacobson, Ron. Burnett, S. Roma 7, 19–42. Al. Shabalov, B. Jacobson, Hungaski, Molner, Bartell, Zeltsan, S. Ramer, Bonin, Ryo Chen, Z. Tanenbaum, J. Wan, N. Moore, R. Amburgy, I. Pérez, N. Moor, Vanapalli, Br. Pang, Anish Lodh, W. Ballantyne, Sharuda, Brereton, Moolky, Kev. Su, Hean-Boily 6½, etc.

KAVALA, VIII 2021
The 30th Kavala Open
(104 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. An. Demchenko, Ak. Chandra 7½, 3. Mart. Petrov 7, 4—8. Solodovnichenko, N. Spyropoulos, A. Mastrovasilis, N. Theodorou, Patrelakis 6½, 9—17. E. Postny, Nikita Petrov (4101286), Le. Mendonca, Mo. Nikolov, Dimitris Alexakis, Ts. Stoyanov, A. Kalogridis, Nikolaos Georgakopoulos (4210891), Trimitzios 6, etc.

MOSCOW, VIII 2021
The Smyslov Memorial

cat. XVI (2640)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	SIUGIROV	g	2661	■	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	5½	1—3
2	ALE. RAKHMANOV	g	2653	½	■	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	5½	1—3
3	PARAVYAN	g	2631	0	½	■	1	½	0	1	½	1	5½	1—3
4	P. PONKRATOV	g	2650	½	½	0	■	0	1	½	1	1	5	4
5	M. KOBALIA	g	2594	½	½	½	1	■	½	0	½	½	4½	5—6
6	CHIGAEV	g	2643	½	½	0	0	½	■	½	0	1	4½	5—6
7	ZVJAGINSEV	g	2608	½	½	0	½	1	½	■	½	½	4	7—8
8	PREDKE	g	2673	½	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	4	7—8
9	SARANA	g	2643	0	0	0	0	½	1	1	½	■	3½	9
10	MOTYLEV	g	2642	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	■	3	10

IASI, VIII 2021
The 21st European Individual Women's Chess Championship
(117 players, 11 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

1. E. Danielian* (ARM) 9, 2. Osmak (UKR) 8½, 3—4. O. Kiołbasa (POL), N. Buksa (UKR) 8, 5—13. Anna M. Sargsyan** (ARM), Guln. Mammadova (AZE), Khotenashvili (GEO), Mai Narva (EST), M. Arabidze (GEO), Garifullina (RUS), Badelka (BLR), Daulyte-Cornette (FRA), Milliet (FRA) 7½, 14—18. Batsiashvili (GEO), Gun. Mammadzada (AZE), T. Injac (SRB), L. Javakhishvili (GEO), A. Zharebtsova (RUS) 7, 19—40. Al. Maltsevskaya (RUS), J. Zawadzka (POL), Mariam Mkrtchyan (ARM), M. Soćko (POL), Radeva (BUL), Antova (BUL), I. Bulmaga (ROU), L. Unuk (SLO), O. Giryay (RUS), Kh. Balajayeva (AZE), Z. Urh (SLO), A. Šliwicka (POL), Zimina (ITA), Tsolakidou (GRE), Psycheva (BUL), L. Mkrtchian (ARM), Hoang Thanh Trang (HUN), M. Brunello (ITA), N. Salimova (BUL), Mi. Sandu (ROU), E.-L. Cosma (ROU), I. Agrest (SWE) 6½, etc.

* The top 10 players have qualified for the next Women's World Cup

** The best under-20 player, has earned a place at the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2021.

SAINT LOUIS, VIII 2021
The Grand Chess Tour 2021 – Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz

The Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz is the fourth stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2021.

Rapid

Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2829*	■	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	12	1
2	F. CARUANA	g	2758	0	■	0	1	½	0	1	1	1	11	2—3
3	R. RAPPORT	g	2724	½	0	■	½	½	1	½	1	0	11	2—3
4	W. SO	g	2774	½	0	½	■	½	1	½	½	½	9	4—6
5	SVIDLER	g	2745	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	1	9	4—6
6	S. SHANKLAND	g	2609	½	1	0	0	½	■	1	0	½	9	4—6
7	MAMEDYAROV	g	2756	½	0	½	½	1	0	■	½	1	8	7—8
8	JEF. XIONG	g	2730	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	■	0	8	7—8
9	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2786	0	0	1	½	0	½	0	1	■	7	9
10	LE QUANG LIEM	g	2744	½	0	½	½	0	0	1	0	½	6	10

* Rapid rating

2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

Blitz

Time Control: 5 minutes + 2 seconds increment from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	HI. NAKAMURA	■	■	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	12
2	LE QUANG LIEM	0	½	■	0	1	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	11½
3	F. CARUANA	½	0	1	1	■	½	0	1	½	0	1	1	10
4	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	½	½	0	1	½	1	■	0	1	½	1	½	10
5	W. SO	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	1	■	1	0	1	9½
6	MAMEDYAROV	½	0	½	½	1	½	0	1	■	0	½	1	9
7	R. RAPPORT	½	½	0	0	½	1	0	½	1	■	0	1	8½
8	SVIDLER	½	½	0	0	1	0	½	0	1	0	■	0	7
9	JEF. XIONG	0	0	0	1	½	0	½	0	1	½	1	0	7
10	S. SHANKLAND	0	½	0	0	0	½	1	0	½	0	1	■	5½

1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

FINAL COMBINED STANDINGS:

	COMBINED SCORE	GCT POINTS
1	HIKARU NAKAMURA	24
2	FABIANO CARUANA	21
3	RICHARD RAPPORT	19½
4	WESLEY SO	18½
5	LE QUANG LIEM	17½
T-6	SHAKHRIYAR MAMEDYAROV	17
T-6	LEINIER DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	17
8	PETER SVIDLER	16
9	JEFFERY XIONG	15
10	SAM SHANKLAND	14½

SPILIMBERGO, VIII 2021
The 19th Spilimbergo Open
(124 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. R. Sadhwani, Pier L. Basso 7, 3—11. Bernadskiy, B. Bellahcene, Ádám Kozák, V. Dragnev, F. Sonis, Heberla, P. Balakrishnan, L. Yankelevich, B. Markoja 6½, 12—17. Lodici, Travadon, Vaishali R., Marin Bosiočić, O. Wiecezorek, A. Loiacono 6, etc.

RIGA, VIII 2021
The Riga Technical University Open
(176 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Alexa. Donchenko 7½, 2—5. S. L. Narayanan, Laurušas, Gerge. Kántor, Mur. Karthikeyan 7, 6—16. Ig. Kovalenko, Aram Hakobyan (13306677), Arjun Kalyan, V. Ivić, Smirin, Pranav Anand, Yuffa, Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu, Mieziš, Gl. Dudin, S. P. Sethuraman 6½, 17—31. Erigaisi Arjun, Nihal Sarin, Evg. Ioannidis, L. Budisavljević, Pultinevičius, V. Šanal, Roshka, Aravindh, Meškova, Gukesh D., Aditya Mittal (35042025), Vignesh N. R., Abhim. Puranik, Blohberger, Kretainis 6, etc.

UPPSALA, VIII 2021
The Uppsala GM-tournament

cat. IX (2454)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. E. Mirzoev, P. Galperin 6½, 3. Hillarp Persson 5½, 4. Kazakouski 5, 5—6. Seo Jung Min, Lu. Carlsson 4½, 7—8. Mihail Marin, Pantzar 4, 9. Küçüksarı 3½, 10. I. Storme 1

REDMOND, VIII 2021
The PNWCC Summer of Seattle

cat. VIII (2450)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. G. Margvelashvili 6, 2. V. Belous 5½, 3—6. A. Mišta, Stukopin, J. Stearman, Anth. He 5, 7. Michael Lee (2026562) 4, 8—9. M. Ginsburg, Maiti 3½, 10. Jas. Liang 2½

SKANDERBORG, VIII 2021
The Smuk Skak GM

cat. IX (2451)

Time Control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30-second increment starting from move one.

1. Solodovnichenko 6½, 2—3. Fred. Svane, Gábor Nagy (737119) 6, 4—5. S. Brunello, B. Ochsner 5, 6—7. I. Janik, Fi. Olsen 4, 8—9. Nic. Pedersen, Ph. Lindgren 3, 10. J. Antolak 2½

TASHKENT, VIII 2021
The 14th Agzamov Memorial
(65 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Shant Sargsyan 7, 2—7. Abdusattorov, Muh. Khusenkhojaev, Tigran K. Harutyunyan, N. Yakubboev, J. Vakhidov, M. Iskandarov 6½, 8—12. M. Mchedlishvili, Man. Petrosyan, K. Stupak, A. Goganov, B. Savchenko 6, 13—16. M. Dzhumayev, Tillyaev, Utegaliyev, Aleksey Aleksandrov 5½, 17—30. B. Sattarov, Abdusalimov, Yakubbaeva, Ary. Gholami, Dm. Kokarev, A. Gabriellian, Madaminov, Tologontegin, Ma. Muradli, Fayzullaev, A. Suleymenov, S. Vokhidov, Vu. Rasulov, Sergey Volkov (4122763) 5, etc.

POLANICA-ZDRÓJ, VIII 2021
The 57th Rubinstein Memorial

cat. XIV (2599)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	K. SHEVCHENKO	g	2619	■	1	0	½	½	1	½	1	½	6	1—2
2	D. NAVARA	g	2675	0	■	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	6	1—2
3	TECLAF	m	2520	1	½	■	½	½	½	1	½	½	5½	3—4
4	PIORUN	g	2608	½	0	½	■	½	1	½	1	1	5½	3—4
5	J. TOMCZAK	g	2604	½	½	½	½	■	1	0	1	½	5	5
6	GUMULARZ	m	2512	0	0	½	½	0	■	1	½	1	4½	6
7	M. BLÜBAUM	g	2674	½	½	½	0	1	0	1	½	1	4	7
8	JIRI STOČEK	g	2604	0	½	0	½	0	0	1	■	½	3½	8
9	OVSEJEVITSCH	g	2579	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	■	½	3	9
10	KRASENKOW	g	2591	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	■	2	10

OPEN

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. G. Nasuta 7½, 2. Kosakowski 7, 3—5. Omelja, Žilka, Rozentalis 6½, 6—7. K. Majek, Kar. Kucza 6, 8—17. Durand-Le Ludec, Ba. Jobava, A. Kubicka, V. Grinev, Bachór, Cyborowski, Licznerski, H. Giacomini, Mac. Marszałek, Al. Kaczmarek 5½, etc.

LINARES, VIII 2021
The 86th Spanish Championship
(171 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Iturrizaga Bonelli 7½, 2—9. Santos Latasa, Vallejo Pons, J. Cuenca Jiménez, Antón Guijarro, I. Salgado López, Santos Ruiz, Shirov, Man. Pérez Candelario 7, 10—12. Garza Marco, A. Galiana Fernández, B. César Maestre 6½, etc.

SAINT LOUIS, VIII 2021
The Grand Chess Tour 2021 – Sinquefeld Cup

cat. XX (2742)

The 8th Sinquefeld Cup is the fifth and final stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2021.

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves and 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment from move one.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		GCT points
1	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2751	■	½	½	0	½	½	1	1	1	6	13
2	F. CARUANA	g	2806	½	■	½	½	1	0	1	½	1	5½	8.3
3	W. SO	g	2772	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	1	1	5½	8.3
4	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2758	1	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	1	5½	wildcard
5	R. RAPPORT	g	2763	½	½	½	½	■	0	½	½	1	4½	6
6	MAMEDYAROV	g	2782	½	0	½	½	1	■	½	0	½	4	4
7	JEF. XIONG	g	2710	0	1	½	½	½	½	■	½	0	4	wildcard
8	S. SHANKLAND	g	2709	0	0	½	½	½	1	½	■	½	4	wildcard
9	SVIDLER	g	2714	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	■	1	3½	wildcard
10	DAR. ŚWIERCZ	g	2655	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	½	0	2½	wildcard

GRAND CHESS TOUR STANDINGS

There will not be a GCT Finals tournament in 2021; the final tour standings will be decided based on the GCT points each tour player accumulates over the course of the five tournaments.

	EVENTS PLAYED	GCT POINTS	PRIZE MONEY
1 WESLEY SO	4	36.6	\$142,500
2 MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE	4	35	\$156,250
3 SHAKHRIYAR MAMEDYAROV	4	26.5	\$127,000
4 FABIANO CARUANA	4	24.8	\$94,250
5 RICHARD RAPPORT	3	19.5	\$42,500
6 LEVON ARONIAN	2	13.8	\$56,250
7 ANISH GIRI	2	13.5	\$42,500
8 ALEXANDER GRISCHUK	2	12.3	\$54,000
9 TEIMOUR RADJABOV	2	6.5	\$28,500

SKALICA, VIII 2021
The Skalica Masters

cat. X (2489)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. A. Korobov (14105730), Bernadskiy 6, 3—4. Le. Mendonca, Vykouk 5½, 5—6. S. Movsesian, Lomasov 5, 7. P. Michalik 4½, 8. Kostolanský 4, 9. Sa. Sahidi 3½, 10. J. Brhel 0

NEWCASTLE, VIII 2021
The Northumbria Masters Congress

cat. VIII (2434)

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move from move 1.

1—2. Co. Murphy, R. Haria 6½, 3. M. Harvey 6, 4—5. T. Fodor jr., M. Wadsworth 5½, 6. Kilpatrick 5, 7. Mat. Turner 3½, 8. Roberson 3, 9. Alexa. Cherniaev (4117301) 2, 10. D. Eggleston 1½

Open:
(81 players, 9 rounds)

1. Bra. Clarke 7½, 2—5. Gormally, Mari. Petrov, K. Arkell, Pe. Wells 7, 6—8. H. Olson, Dong Bao Nghia, R. Bezuidenhout 6½, 9—11. Bradbury, Max Turner, Ry. Murphy 6, etc.

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